

## MINUTES

*[As approved and amended at Mar 6, 2017 meeting]*

Meeting of: Pelham MA Energy Committee  
Date of Meeting: February 6, 2017  
Time of Meeting: 6:30 PM, formally opened at 6:42 PM  
Location of meeting: Community Center History Room, Pelham MA  
Members Present: Stan Swiercz, Alisa Pearson, Charles Thompson  
Also Present: Jim Barry, Regional Green Communities representative

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1. Discussion of possible Green Communities projects with Jim Barry. Discussed eligibility requirements, application deadlines, and payback periods. For the immediate short term, it was agreed that nothing was reasonably achievable. All agreed that it made most sense to apply for the META grant once it is announced. For the moment, we need to get onto the META grant email list.
2. Ms. Pearson asked that we discuss how to make best use of assistance available from the COG through Bernie Kubiak. Answers: grant writing assistance and Mr. Kubiak's contacts with knowledgeable individuals and groups.
3. Discussion of the Local Power idea, how it works, and how to learn more. Ms. Pearson agreed to look into this some more, and report back on options for working with existing groups and exploring on our own.
4. Discussion on the reporting of Green Communities data and establishment of new baseline year. Mr. Barry explained the issues around the Mass Energy Insight database and normalizing weather data.
5. Discussion of other local opportunities and the eligibility of communities that have reached the 20% energy reduction goal. Mr. Barry explained that there would likely be opportunities for securing support, but that the first task was to reach the 20% goal.
6. Thompson will review the timeline on the Community Center roof project with Rick Adamcek, and fill in any missing dates and milestones. The final report is due on February 17, 2017.
7. The minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting were approved, as amended.
8. The annual report of the committee is due to the Town Administrator by February 23, 2017. Apparently, Thompson agreed to write an initial draft.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Thompson, Secretary