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Meeting of: Pelham MA Energy Committee
Date of Meeting: September 19, 2017
Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM, formally opened at 7:11 PM
Location of meeting: Ramsdell Room, Pelham MA
Members Present: Stan Swiercz, Tony Rogers, John Larson, Alisa Pearson

Also Present:

Minutes: None. We will share the minute taking. Alisa Pearson served as recorder. ☐

New Member Search: No new business. ☐

META Grant Update ☐

- \$ 12,500 META grant award should be for finding someone who can help us decide what this town can do with solar.
- Stan will send us the META grant application so we know what/who we specified out for.

Solar Consultant Search Status:

- One candidate, Beth Greenblatt who has worked/is working for Goshen and Leverett, was recommended by Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) consultant Bernard Kubiak. Pacheco out of Lawrence might be someone to find.
- We need a solar consultant who is not in the business of installing- someone who has been a solar engineer and knows the SMART program

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Building LED Conversion Status:

- Stan counted 73 screw-in bulbs in our buildings.
- Jim Barry thought that the LED relamping project would be suitable for a Green grant.
- To apply for a new grant, Pelham needs to have completed its prior project, which it has, and submit its annual report in November. The committee will ask consultant Bernard Kubiak to complete the report using the towns META grant through HCOG.
- Applying for a Green Communities grant supersedes prior discussion of installing screw bulbs ourselves and issuing an RFP for work requiring an electrician.

CCA Plus Status:

- Western MA Clean Energy (WMCE- CCA Plus) group which includes representatives from Northampton, Amherst, and Pelham together with State Rep. Goldstein-Rose met with HCOG Director, Todd Ford. The WMCE members feel that HCOG has a different vision for CCA, with less emphasis on local renewables and energy efficiency: HCOG uses a broker model that reduces the upside net revenue potential for municipalities. HCOG does not seem inclined to include a strong formal inter-municipality organization such as a Joint Powers Agreement. WMCE will meet again with HCOG to clarify initial impressions.
- Northampton WMCE representatives are in discussions with Northampton City Council

members and the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator.

- Amherst WMCE members are in similar discussions with Amherst town officials.