

MINUTES

Meeting of: Pelham MA Energy Committee
Date of Meeting: April 10, 2017
Time of Meeting: 5:00 PM, formally opened at 5:08 PM
Location of meeting: Community Hall, Pelham MA
Members Present: Stan Swiercz, Alisa Pearson, Charles Thompson
Also Present: Carol Cherrington, Bella (canid)

1. Minutes from March 6, 2017, and April 3, 2017 meetings approved, as amended.
2. Members introduced themselves to each other, revealing fantastic secrets. The lies were worthy of Tom Sawyer.
3. Mr. Swiercz reported that Rick Adamcek has resigned from committee. John Larsen would like to join the committee. The next step would be for him to submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.
4. Dan Robb said that he will invite brief reports from committees at Town Meeting. Committee discussed what to present. All agreed that a simple message would be best. Key points of a message: a) town has an Energy Committee; b) it has done these things (make a list); c) the Energy Committee is discussing what to work on next, and is interested in initiatives that can lower bills for residents, reduce the amount of energy used in the town, and increase the proportion of energy that is locally produced.
5. Mr. Swiercz (or Ms. Pearson?) learned from Jim Barry that 100% funding for a hybrid Dukes of Hazzard police car may be available. Committee discussed this for an unnecessarily long time, but had fun.
6. Ms. Cherrington will work on draft language for the Energy Committee's presentation at Town Meeting.
7. Ms. Cherrington will call CET to find out about available Mass Save handouts.
8. META grant discussion. Probably announced in June.
9. SMART program – should be released in June 2018.
10. No Green Communities grant this cycle; must be completely ready next March for that application cycle.
11. Possibility of renewing/ reapplying for Hampshire COG grant support (the "Bernie grant").

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Charles Thompson, Secretary