

MINUTES

Meeting of: Pelham MA Energy Committee
Date of Meeting: May 02, 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, Carol Cherrington, Charles Thompson
Also Present:

1. Minutes from April 10, 2017 meeting approved, as amended.
2. Discussion of town meeting statement/message. Mr. Swiercz read aloud the draft statement. Voted to approve the statement as amended.
3. Ms. Cherrington described the poster she is making for the Energy Committee table at town meeting. Size is 2' x 3'. Brochures from Clear Result are supposed to arrive in time to be available at the table.
4. Discussion of the Community Choice Aggregation effort. Mr. Swiercz attended a meeting of interested people from several towns. The group is serious enough to have Subcommittees (Funding, Outreach, other?)
5. Discussion of SMART program, which is the third phase of the solar effort in the state. Concept is to replace renewable energy credits (RECS) with dependable incentives. It is not a grant program We need ideas for possible projects and sites in Pelham. Discussions with Finance Committee and NEXAMP suggested.
6. Other. Mr. Swiercz described the "reservoirs and heat sinks" concept. What is the potential for geothermal heating and cooling. Need to reach out to peers to learn about and generate ideas. Consult with PVPC about potential solar sites?
7. Discussed possibility of using a META grant to model the potential within the town's borders.
8. Meetings scheduled for May 11, May 21, and June 6.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Submitted by Charles Thompson, Secretary