

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 20, 2022, 4 PM
Minutes

In attendance (via Zoom): Al Blake, Bob Gross, Garth Klimchuk, Kathe Warden

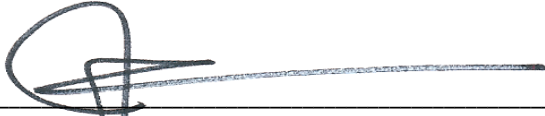
Absent: Susan Purser, Cathy DeFoe

1. Garth Klimchuk called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.
2. Approved the resignation of Katherine Hoak. Bob, Al and Garth approved.
3. Approved meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 meeting. Bob, Al, and Garth approved.
4. META Grant follow up. No update. Grant submitted 11/9/22. Al to f/u on status via email. Cathy will reach out to Megan to ask if she is able to consult on both wind and solar.
5. Community Solar. Cathy was going to speak with Jill McComb, Sustain, Granville, MA for status of our agreement which will cover about 50% of our usage. We will apply for the rest when another facility is available.
6. Street lighting. Kathe has been in touch with Eversource and does not recommend purchase and maintenance of street poles/lights. She does think it makes sense to convert the bulbs on our street lights. However, an evaluation is needed:
 - a. Caps can be placed on lights which are not on state roads or intersections to determine if a particular light can be eliminated.
 - b. We should try to schedule this with Eversource for March
 - c. We need to identify poles that are to be capped
 - d. Kathe to send a list of poles to Bob and Al
 - e. Bob and Al will survey the street lights to recommend those that could be turned off.
 - f. Kathe estimated that there are 42 poles to evaluate; 4 are owned by town and one is privately owned.

7. Confirm next meeting

- January 17, 2023, 4 PM hybrid In-person and Zoom meeting.

Adjourned 4:50 pm



Garth Klimchuk, Chair