

New Energy Resource Committee
9/1/2015 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul McGrail, Cathy Kristofferson, Mark Haines, Roberta Flashman

Meeting opened at 7:04pm.

Minutes of 8/18 approved as corrected to add which parcel the pre-app was for.

General updates

- Mike Hannon was to get the feeder load evaluation report back from Unitil last Friday 8/28. It was delayed from the original due date of 8/7. No word yet on the outcome.
- We can't use the \$2,500 grant money unless we are participating in Solarize Mass for marketing materials and technical assistance.
- Mike Hannon was to send out a mailer to all Ashby residents to survey solar interest. We recommended he query what citizens' interest was in \$\$ since only a 10kW offering may be too expensive and too much power for everyone.

Ashby offering

- Should we do MassCEC's Solarize program, or do it on our own?
 - Feeling is our own.
- Should we send out a survey to gauge interest?
 - Consensus was No, wait to see what happens with the RFP
- To do Solarize Ashby on our own we need to recruit other committee members. We need someone as a solar expert BUT doesn't want to bid on the RFP
- How to fund a consultant?
- Should we reconsider Solarize Mass?
 - Would allow just using their existing RFP
 - We would need to respond to their proposal for communities that are interested. Started 8/26.
 - Cathy will make a working folder on Google Drive. Start with their checklist.
 - Should we create a subcommittee? Do we need associate members? Roberta will ask Bob Hanson.

General updates

- Mark will look further into 2MW system at the orchard for NMRSC
- Paul will re-organize the load info from Unitil to make more understandable
- Where would we get more volunteers? Schools? Fitchburg State, Monty Tech, Mt. Wachusett? Maybe best to assess what the tasks would be before reaching out.
- Roberta will add task descriptions to the Google Doc.
- We will be dividing the tasks for Solarize Ashby
- Energy Bill Hearing, Statehouse Sept 29th

Actions for next meeting

- Cathy will make working folder for Solarize Mass RFP docs
- Roberta will ask Bob Hanson about subcommittee/associate members
- Paul will look for more information on power load/peak
- Mark will check with Mike Hannon about the Unitil load evalt
- Mark will reach out to NMRSD for usage thoughts

- Roberta will talk to Bob Hanson about working on docs on Google, and thoughts on how to get other members

Adjourned 8:27pm. Next meeting 9/15

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson