

## Energy Committee Minutes

May 6, 2013

Present: Steve Rice, Larry Hunter, Clark Sylvester, Bruce Davidson, Ben Brau, and Becky Torres.

The meeting convened at 7:05 PM.

### Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the last meeting on 4/8/13 were reviewed and approved with one correction.
2. Website: Steve updated the website and added minutes from the last 3 meetings. Please review the website and submit any additions or corrections to Steve. <http://www.shutesbury.org/energy>
3. Solar project at the Fire Station. Not discussed.
4. ALTRU: Negotiations are continuing. A spreadsheet reflecting the project's cost and expenses was developed and reviewed with the committee. The select board has the authority to negotiate the taxes and depreciation with the aim of making the project more appealing for ALTRU yet still providing the Town with a fair revenue stream. If ALTRU gets serious, then the town can get a consultant to review the tax and depreciation schedule to be sure we doing it correctly.
5. Additional Solar Sites: Becky brought some maps of different sites. These were reviewed by the committee. We looked at M30 which is a large track, about 8 acres, off Wendell Rd. This is a wooded lot with no access, so an easement would have to be purchased. Another potential site is the library site which has about 20 acres, mostly not wooded. There are about 70 parcels of land the town owns. The committee divided these up and will review them on the map GIS system. We will be looking for at least 2 acre sites without wetlands and with enough buffer to the south, east and west to provide good solar coverage. The aim is to find a site for a 300 kw system. We will bring what we think are potential sites to the next meeting for discussion.
6. Electric Vehicle Charging Station: Not discussed.
7. Free Tire Inflation Station at the Maintenance Building. On hold until Fire Station environmental issue is resolved. We are still waiting for a report from the D&P based on the last engineer's inspection.
8. SREC funds and Revolving account for Energy Committee. Not discussed. We will discuss next time.
9. Mass Energy Insight Data: Becky will contact Mass Insight to ask them to recalculate the school benchmark with the new square footage and designation. We asked to have the propane removed from the calculation since it's only for emergency generator use. Ben reported that the school thermostats are centrally controlled and automatically turned back every evening.
10. The solar panels need to be adjusted for their summer settings. Larry will schedule the change and get assistance as needed.
11. Next meeting is Monday, June 10, 2013, 7 PM at town hall. Agenda items will be same as above.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Rice