

GREEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 3, 2015

Attending: John Snell, Ed Lang, Peter Watkinson, Sue Klem, Bill Stason and Linda Conrad.

VOTED unanimously to approve and post the June minutes of this committee.

Grant Updates: The Green Communities Grant approved the boiler for the Pierce House, new LED lights for the Auditorium and installing electric monitoring devices. Lincoln got a Grant to Assess Flora and Fauna at the Transfer Station in the amount of \$12,500 for a formal assessment of the impact of a solar PV system field on the environment at that site.

State of the Town: GETC will have the opportunity to make a presentation at this November meeting on the possibilities of Solar PV installation at the Landfill and GETC's associate renewable energy and energy efficiency activities. Snell is providing an overview as well as what this committee has already done for the community relative to energy efficiencies; Hutchinson is working on the financial piece; O'Neil is working on shaping the discussion; and Morris is working on graphics. It appears that about 150 acres of land would be needed to take care of all of Lincoln's energy needs or to provide 30 megawatts.

Collaboration with Mass Audubon: Stason reported that members of this committee are invited to meet with Mass Audubon representatives at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 14, to discuss what Mass Audubon has accomplished and what it plans in energy conservation. This is an effort to find links between Lincoln and Mass Audubon for collaborative efforts in this area.

Regional Climate Change: The Selectmen are looking at planning opportunities relative to regional long term climate change. Morris will follow up on this.

Residential Initiatives. Klem reported on Community Choice Aggregation, a concept forwarded by the Massachusetts Climate Network. This top-down concept applies to both residential users and small businesses within which a community, and a number of Massachusetts communities have expressed interest, could collectively opt for cleaner energy sources; individuals could opt out of this program.

GETC Direction. Snell queried the committee about the direction of future efforts, about where to concentrate GETC efforts. Should effort be focused on renewable energy or on group purchases of systems that are cost-effective and have reasonable pay-backs. Which effort(s) benefit the town the most. Should GETC collaborate with Mass Audubon or other similar organizations for the benefit of the community.

Next Meeting Discussion: Discussion will center on the future emphasis of this committee including but not limited to (1) residential initiatives; (2) an aggregation plan; and/or (3) collaboration with Mass Audubon.

Future GETC Meetings: The next monthly meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on October 8th in the Donaldson Room of the Town Offices building. November's meeting is scheduled for Nov. 5th.

