

# Buckland Energy Committee

**Meeting Minutes: 17 October 2018, 7:00 p.m., Buckland Public Library**

**Present:** Committee Members: Ellen Kaufmann, Michael Novack, Penny Novack, Margaret Olin, Harvey Schaktman, Brian Summer

**Facilitator:** Michael Novack

**Scribe:** Margaret Olin

## 1. Open the meeting

2. Review and approve minutes from 26 September 2018 meeting. (Note: this was a 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, rather than the regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday date.)

- Minutes approved unanimously as written

3. Discussion of solarize programs – past, present, & future – including state/federal incentives for residents, businesses, and municipalities, community solar initiatives

- Checking in on what members have heard about changes/innovations in solar technology (for electricity or heat/ hot water generation) e.g. future development and roll out of flexible solar films

4. Discussion of local and regional energy-related issues, including:

- MCAP
- Rail transport of fossil and other fuels; concerns about derailments, remaining railroad ties and debris along tracks
- State-proposed energy legislation, including proposed “woodlands partnership”; response to Northern Pass
- Alternative electric power suppliers; regional municipal electricity aggregation updates
- MassSave program updates
- New Massachusetts programs: (through Mass CEC and DOER; Center for EcoTechnology --CET)
- Recycle-able/biodegradable plastic bags; single-use water bottles
  - Next scheduled MCAP on 26 October, 7:00-8:30 at Silver Street church in Greenfield
  - No legislative updates
  - At last night's Select Board meeting, noted that all towns that were involved in the regional electricity aggregation effort are applying
  - MassSave minisplits incentives:  
[https://www.masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates/electric-heating-and-cooling/?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=MScontent&utm\\_campaign=ClearResult&fbclid=IwAR2cPnut1alJySz8vAA8jSi66FjweNPwc1E-X0lBzjTP0c2i1mm rMU5rsI](https://www.masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates/electric-heating-and-cooling/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=MScontent&utm_campaign=ClearResult&fbclid=IwAR2cPnut1alJySz8vAA8jSi66FjweNPwc1E-X0lBzjTP0c2i1mm rMU5rsI)
  - Garage and groundsource/airsource grants available at CET, technical assistance at UMass Clean energy Extension??  
<https://www.cetonline.org>  
<https://ag.umass.edu/clean-energy/contact>

- Greenfield looking into plastic bag ban – giving businesses a transition period of 1-2 years??

**5. Update on past Green Communities Grant applications; planning for 2019**

- continue discussion on potential projects to include in future applications, especially those that will bring us closer to the 20% reduction in energy use marker
- DOER updates?

- No updates

**6. Continue discussion of future public events, including:**

- Planning for November 2018 winserts workshop
- Fall/Winter 2018 film series and/or discussion groups;
- budget for events

- Wincerts Workshop: So far, 7 people signed for the workshop; Brain and Harvey will contact people on list to arrange for measurements; extend deadline for signing up to 27 October: everyone will print and put out more posters; Brain will ask Janice K. (workshop leader) for invoice so that she can be given check on day of workshop

**7. Update on MVP Grant current and future.**

- None

**8. Report back about other meetings/ activities in which committee members participate.**

- None

**9. Other items not reasonably anticipated**

- None

**10. Choose facilitator and scribe for next meeting.**

Next regular meeting Wednesday, October 21st 7:00 at Buckland Town Hall  
(note: we are back to our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday schedule)

**11. Adjourn meeting**