

## **Buckland Energy Committee**

**Meeting Minutes: 15 January 2020, 7:15 p.m., Buckland Town Hall**

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

**Facilitator:** Michael Novack

**Scribe:** Margaret Olin

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1. *Open the meeting.*
2. *Review and approve minutes from 12 December 2019 meeting.*
  - Approved unanimously as written.
3. *Discussion of solarize programs – past, present, & future – including state/federal incentives for residents, businesses, and municipalities, community solar initiatives; moving forward with awarded META Grant for Community Shared Solar feasibility study and proposal from Northeast Solar*
  - Note that Greg Garrison (Northeast Solar) is on the agenda for the 21 January Select Board meeting at 6:00.
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 plan updates
  - MassSave program updates
  - New Massachusetts programs: (through Mass CEC and DOER; Center for EcoTechnology --CET)
  - Municipal lighting/streetlights
  - Recycle-able/biodegradable plastic bags; single-use plastics
    - Municipal Electricity Aggregation process still stalled in DPU
    - 14 January Energy Committee Coalition meeting at FRCOG (Ellen and Margaret attended): presentation about Grindspoon Foundation “Ener-G-Save and Cooler Communities grant programs; Discussion about DOER & Green Communities (with Brian Sullivan and Mark Rabinsky (who is filling Jim Barry’s position).
5. *Update on past Green Communities Grant applications; planning for 2020*
  - 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. C Continue discussion of future public events, including:**

- **Future winserts workshop? Public forum on energy issues?**
- **Winter/Spring 2020 film series and/or discussion groups;**
- **budget for events**

° no new discussion

**7. Update on MVP Grant current and future; Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

- **Margaret reported back about 18 December meeting.**

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

- **None**

**9. Other items not reasonably anticipated**

- **Resources Brian will share from energy innovation.org & about utility monopsony regulation**

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

- **Next regular meeting: Wednesday, 19 February 2020, 7:00 at Buckland Public Library**

**11. Adjourn meeting**