

## 10.18.16 Energy Committee Minutes

Present: Bob Pasteris; Chair, John Cevasco, Annie Chappell, Lynn Hansell, Susan O'Connor

Review of minutes for August and September: Lynn moves to approve August minutes, all in favor. Bob moves to approve September minutes, all in favor.

### 1. Bob/Pellet boiler

Not yet finished, but Hiway Dept. did finalize their part of the job. The contractor will set up the system so oil will provide heat until pellet boiler is up. Possible opportunity for an open house or tour of the system in March 2017.

### 2. SUN committee/Susan

Solar Up committee is considering community solar options. CO-OP Power is interested in hosting an information session. Susan spoke with Dwayne Breger from the UMass Extension Service who is available to support towns in their energy reduction efforts, including community solar. At issue are regulations and relationships with energy companies. He also discussed grants that may be available for Green Communities. This may include possible funding for a review and monies for the elementary school energy audit and upgrades.

Nancy Hazard, of Greening UP Greenfield may be able to provide some insight. Susan also spoke with Cater Wilding White who is part of a collective with National Grid to put up community solar.

3. Bob notes that the Town Highway Department wants to purchase two new vehicles. Annie will review the Green Communities Vehicle recommendations and exemptions and contact Tom Walker. We need a vehicle update for the final Green Community Report by the end of the year.

4. Discussion related to the elementary school potential for energy audit and upgrades: Annie will review other towns to compare projects for grants. We would need a feasibility study and our situation is complicated by its constraints as a regional district school. Northfield pays for 52% of the operational expense, and the Town pays for capital expenses. We may consider grants other than Green Communities for the elementary school, or make that recommendation to the school committee.

6:10 meeting adjourned

