Energy Committee Minutes

6/7/17

Present: Buddy Behrendt, Vance Bell, Bill Dunkel, Cathy Stover, Michael Simonds

Bill distributed an Act 174 Summary Sheet that he had written which summarized state, regional and town goals for energy efficiency, conservation, fuel switching and renewable energy generation. We discussed this information and how it is pertinent to Windham’s effort to comply with Act 174. We discussed how the Energy Committee can work with the Planning Commission in an effort brig the Town Plan into compliance with 174 and achieve “substantial deference” at future PSB hearings.

The following suggestions were made during our discussion:

* Clarify the status of the proposed Green Lantern Group solar project on White Road and how much of Windham’s renewable energy goal could be achieved if that project is completed.
* Clarify the status of the proposed GLG solar project next to the town office and cemetery
* Explore whether Meadows End has any interest in solar projects on their property
* Check with the town of Belmont to see how they managed to weatherize 32 homes recently
* Check to see if the town can provide some kind of incentive, such as a property tax break, to residents who register and drive electric vehicles
* Consider sending a survey to residents to see who may be interested in rooftop or ground mounted solar panels on their property
* Explore federal and state grants which may be available for weatherization and energy efficiency improvements

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 15 at 4:00PM. We will look at solar generation maps provided to us by the state and the WRC

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel