Energy Committee Minutes

3/29/18

Present: Vance Bell, Dawn Bower, Bill Dunkel, Tom Johnson, Michael Simonds, Cathy Stover

The meeting was called to order at 4:32PM.

The minutes for the March 15, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

The committee reviewed a draft of Goal 4 in the town’s enhanced energy plan which is about renewable energy generation siting policy. The committee approved the language written by Tom. The committee agreed to add a third bullet point under Policy 4.3 which would designate town owned land as a preferred site.

Bill will ask Marion Major, of the WRC, whether certain categories of privately owned lands should be listed as preferred sites if they have particular features which are suitable for renewable energy generation (for example, cleared fields with good solar orientation, or sites with hydro-power generation potential.)

The committee reviewed and approved a draft of Goal 3 related to land use policies as written by Bill.

Bill will send the most recent draft of the energy plan to Marion Major at the WRC and inquire about next steps and deadlines.

The next meeting of the Energy Committee will depend upon the information we receive from the WRC and upon the progress the Planning Commission makes at its next meeting on April 11. If the Planning Commission finishes updating the zoning regulations, we may schedule a joint meeting of the EC and PC later this month to finish working on the town’s enhanced energy plan. It is unlikely the Energy Committee will meet on April 19, which is its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Dunkel