Energy Committee Minutes

August 15, 2017

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

Vance moved to approve the minutes from the July 27th meeting; seconded by Cathy. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee examined the amendments to the Option to Lease Agreement that were suggested by Bob Fisher, town attorney, and the replies to those suggested amendments by Ralph Meima, on behalf of the Green Lantern Group. Vance questioned whether voter approval would be needed for lease renewals (see Article V). Michael questioned how town approval of net metering agreements would be sought (see Article IX). The committee agreed that the town attorney, Select Board and representatives of Green Lantern should settle the unresolved details relating to Article VI before publicizing the possible project and soliciting public opinion.

The committee discussed their feelings about a possible solar array in the field adjacent to the cemetery and town office. Vance moved that the Energy Committee recommend to the Select Board that they sign the Option to Lease Agreement provided that the issues raised by Bob Fisher are resolved to the satisfaction of the Board, the Town Attorney and Green Lantern. Motion seconded by Michael. Motion adopted unanimously.

The committee discussed, at the request of the Select Board, how the people of Windham could be informed about a possible array near the cemetery and how their approval or disapproval could be solicited. The committee articulated the following ideas:

* Write an article in the *Windham News & Notes*
* Put information of the town web page
* Hold two public information meetings at which information would be disseminated, followed by a question and answer period
* Proposed dates for the two information sessions are Thursday evening, September 7, and Saturday (morning or afternoon), September 9.
* Have a town wide vote on the project at special town meeting on September 19. The Select Board would have the option of having more Q & A prior to the voting, if they so desire. A question was raised about whether one would be able to vote in absentia at such a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel