Energy Committee Minutes

6/15/17

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

Bill reported that the WRC recently announced that the region’s goal for renewable energy generation and our town’s target goals have been substantially reduced. It is not clear why the targets have been decreased. The new 2050 target is now 695 MWh, down from 1162 MWh. The WRC estimates that this amount of energy could be generate on just four acres of land devoted to solar panels! We need to verify the reliability of these figures.

We spent the rest of the meeting looking at WRC maps showing potential solar energy sites in Windham. We noted that some sites on the state maps do not seem like prime sites to us because they are heavily wooded; other sites on the maps do seem to have high potential and we identified possible prime sites in town that are not on the map.

We will continue our map analysis at our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 29, at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel