

Town of Bennington
Energy Committee: Minutes December 6, 2017
Final

Attendance: Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, David McKenzie

Dee French relayed the information that the Select Board recently reaffirmed their interest in having the energy committee look into the feasibility of using solar power for the town's buildings. The committee came up with a number of questions that need to be addressed:

1. Financing – A presentation at the Local Energy Solutions conference offered a list of eight possible means of financing, five of which have been used by New Hampshire towns.
2. Siting
3. Return on Investment – Payback Time
4. Sizing of Array...Depends on ...
5. ... Current Usage and How Much Can be Replaced by Solar Power
6. Incentives or Rebates
7. Who – Companies that can do the work? (Some were at the Local Energy Solutions conference).

Dee French provided an update on the streetlight replacement contract. David McKenzie asked her about grants. After a brief discussion, Peter Eppig volunteered to meet with Dee to work out the parameters for a request for a matching grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Peter Eppig recalled that the committee had discussed moving the meeting time to 6:00 pm. This discussion was not recorded in the minutes, and no action has been taken. David McKenzie will poll the committee to see whether all can be available to meet at this earlier hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Recorded by David McKenzie