

Wallingford Energy Committee

November 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:40

Present: Ken Welch, Ralph Nimitz, Doug Blodgett, Jay White

October minutes were review and approved.

Button-Up Workshop: Plans were solidified for the workshop scheduled for Saturday (11/12).

WES Dashboard: Jay reported that Mount Holly School purchased their “dashboard” through Egauge.net. Doug was able to log-on and the committee could see a sample output. There was not much enthusiasm for that type of graphic display. Jay pointed out that for now we could reasonably only display electrical consumption and PV output; many sensors would have to be added to display heating trends. Ken indicated that the grant must be spent by the end of the month. Jay will try obtaining more information.

Energy Plan: Jay reported a new twist on wind and solar siting. Act 174 signed into law on July 1 spawned rules adopted November 1. These rules rely heavily on mapping of potential sites in order for our town to have input at a Section 248 hearing (PSB Certificate of Public Good). This means overlay of usual qualifications like wet lands, flood plains, protected wildlife areas, etc. It probably also means overlays of existing utility capacity. How this coordinates with Act 56 (Solar siting standards – setbacks and screening) is not known. Jay reported that Ed Bove indicated that RRPC is working on the mapping. Jay also indicated that Erika Berner is organizing a non-quorum meeting of the chairs of the town committees to establish a path forward for the planning effort.

New Business None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Submitted by Jay White, secretary pro tem.

Approved: 12/06/16