

## Wallingford Energy Committee

### Minutes

Jan. 6, 2015

Attendees: Ralph N., Jay W., Ken W. Milt M., Doug B. and Kevin Jones – VT Law School

December meeting - Minutes accepted.

Ralph – *Street lighting*: the Prudential Committee is seeing some reduction in power usage as result of the LED street lights. Savings are primarily driven based on a tariff.

Ralph also created a spreadsheet to help track the power use per sq., ft. /cubic ft. of Wallingford's municipal buildings.

*Wallingford Elementary School* – progress was being made until the contractors were forced to shut down pending both the electrical and plumbing contractors obtaining necessary permits. They are working to obtain them.

*Kevin Jones – VLS Institute for Energy/Environment*: Kevin gave an excellent presentation on the institute's offer to provide legal assistance /guidance on community solar installations *pro bono*. Participating VLS graduate and undergrad. Students have developed some helpful models for associated legal agreements/ leases etc., and they are willing to work to help advise town energy committees with this guidance for proposed community solar systems. Kevin repeatedly emphasized the importance of using utmost caution and being extremely mindful of the destination/application of Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) in such projects. The presentation was most informative and helpful.

Jay – *Wallingford Energy Plan Solar Section*: Jay had drafted and the WEC reviewed and slightly revised a well-written draft on solar for this plan. The WEC moved adoption of this draft (with modifications) and voted unanimously to accept it. The WEC will also propose to the Select board that they place a tax exemption on residential primary and sole use solar systems.