

**Town of Londonderry Energy Committee
Minutes - July 11, 2017**

Attending:

Committee Members: Will Reed, Bob Borella, Lawrence Gubb, Bruce Frauman, Ian Jenson

1. Will Reed called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Bob moved, Larry seconded: To approve the minutes of the June 20 meeting.
. Passed unanimously.
3. Bruce moved, Larry Seconded to add discussion of the June 26 Planning Commission hearing on the proposed town plan and to move it before item 4. Passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of June 26 PC hearing focused on Paul Gordon's discomfort with the per-capita 40% non-renewable energy consumption goal stated in Goal 1. Larry suggested supplying Paul with the source material in the Comprehensive Energy plan. Bob suggested not getting hung up with numbers, as the goals are aspirational.

Larry said at the July 10 PC meeting, it was asked when we say "reduce non-renewables" how do we figure that? We want to know if the current projects count toward our goal. Larry, Bob and Will asked how we track non-renewable vs renewable energy sources. Will asked how do we evaluate how we are moving toward our goal. We will ask help from the WRC.

Bruce said he asked Emily Davis about substantial deference. She replied that this is in flux and with out a law suit, nothing is rally known. She also said changes in net metering rules give municipalities more control. We all agree we need to know more about substantial deference and net metering.

5. Bob moved and Will seconded to put item 5 (Discuss a consistent meeting date/time for EC) before item 4. Bruce moved and Bob seconded to meet the first Wednesday in every month at 6:00 pm. Passed unanimously.
6. Bob asked about setting up our own web site using Word Press and linking it to the Londonderry town web site. We will consider this.
7. Bob, Ian and Will agree that we want to do do "due diligence" on the proposed Norris developed solar array on the Yrsha land and make recommendations to the Select Board. Will will contact Jeff Yrsha and the Landman's to request permission to do a site visit.
8. These changes were made to the Draft Enhanced Energy Element:

Section 5, Goal 1, Policy 1.3: added action step #4:

Support the establishment of a community-based co-op for the purpose of bulk renewable energy purchasing.

Section 5, Goal 4, Policy 4.1b added:

POLICY 4.1 (b): REVIEW any renewable energy generation facilities in the designated Village Residential and Village Commercial land use districts that do not conform with existing land use or landscape patterns, or do not conform with the Village character

Section 5, Goal 4, Policy 4.2 to read:

Policy 4.2 Discourage industrial-scale wind energy generation and the associated transmission infrastructure within the Resource Conservation Overlay District, and hydro-power facilities on the main stem of the West River.

Section 5, Goal 4, Policy 5 added to read:

POLICY 5.0: When considering new renewable energy generation facilities, refer to the town's specific renewable energy bylaws

9. Next meeting: August 2, 6:00 pm with a possible site visit to the proposed solar array on the Yrsha property and the Landman's property.

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Clerk
July 25, 2017