

**Town of Londonderry Energy Committee
Minutes - June 7, 2017**

Attending:

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

Collaborators: Emily Davis (WRC), Sharon Crossman (Planning Commission), Paul Gordon (Select Board)

1. Will Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Bob moved, Larry seconded: To approve the minutes of the May 31 meeting with changes as noted. Passed unanimously.
3. Bruce moved, Bob seconded to add Paul Gordon to the agenda.. Passed unanimously.

4. Paul noted there was an Act 250 renewal process for the gravel pit of Big Rock Gravel, but this was never discussed.

Paul said the Mike Norris proposal for a solar array on the Yrsha land south of the transfer station was placed before the DRB and the Planning Commission, but not the Energy Committee. He said that would not happen again.

On Tuesday, Paul attended a Project Review Committee at the WRC. At that meeting Mike Norris said on Jan 28 a rule change related to Act 174 required a letter of support from the town and the WRC by the end of June or he would not be able to proceed with the project. This news surprised the WRC staff attending the meeting. Alyssa Sabetto of the WRC will make some calls to find out where this assertion came from. As far as Emily knows, Norris was referring to a proposed rule change that has not yet been passed by the legislature, let alone signed into law. After an hour of discussion, Emily said she expected that WRC staff members would be able to meet on Thursday to sort out Norris' assertion. Paul said he and the Select Board would take the lead in Londonderry, coordinating with Emily and the WRC.

5. As far as adopting the enhanced energy section of the town plan goes, Emily said we could go ahead quickly or delay the hearing by about two weeks to give the Energy Committee and the WRC time to draft the new language. Sharon said the Energy Committee consideration of inserting a newly written energy section before the June 26 PC hearing was not what the PC expected. Bob said we should work on the plan as long as necessary to get it right. Paul said rescheduling the already warned hearing is a big risk in public attitude.

After much discussion, it was decided to keep the hearing scheduled on June 26. If the new language is ready by then, the Energy Committee could submit its substantive changes. If not, it could be added as an amendment at a later date.

Emily handed out an updated data summary sheet, dated 6/05/17, reflecting the 60% reduction in renewable energy generation estimates for Londonderry. She also handed out a draft Enhanced Energy Element dated 6/6/17. Work is needed on the

mapping section of Section 3. The committee focused on Goal 4. With the committee's help, Emily wrote many new policies and action steps. See the revised draft dated 6/8/17 for details. All new language is in red. Most discussion centered on village vs rural renewable energy generation, the Quechee Rule, the Williams Dam, the suitability of biomass projects such as wood chip plants and wood pellet mills on already disturbed sites, combined use of agricultural land to included renewable energy generation, and a welcoming statement for potential developers.

6. Larry said the Energy Committee may be asked by the Planning Commission to comment on zoning proposals as they are re-written based on the new town plan.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

8. The meet was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Clerk
June 9, 2017