

Thetford Energy Committee 12/16/14 Draft Minutes

Meeting started: 5:05 PM

TEC Attendees: Ellen Blumberg, Mike Kiess, Bob Walker, Chris Hebb

Others: Phebe McCosker, Angelica Valderrama, Thea Reinert, Samantha Mashler, Viggo Fish (from VLS Energy Clinic)

Community Solar Updates and Discussion – Angelica Valderrama and Thea Reinert from VLS reported on draft net metering documents they have developed for group owned arrays (not a third party). VLS will forward copies after the draft is updated.

GROUP NET METERING AGREEMENT – spells out what is owned, and the benefits one gets, and that the project retains/retires the RECs

Contents - Background (why we are doing this), Definitions, Ownership, Payment (up front and periodic), Allocation of electricity generated, Representations and Warranties, Event of Default, Term of agreement, Termination, Transfer, Green Attributes, Liability, Notices (addresses), Entire Agreement, Severability, Governing Law, Dispute Resolution. Need to add Right of First Refusal and no selling of RECs to draft.

LLC AGREEMENT – governs how members relate to each other, protects members from individual liability, provides for management of the project and advantageous treatment for financing.

Contents – Formation and Name (Manager managed), Bank Account, Distributions, Taxes, Management rights, power, duties (meetings, decisions by voting), Liability.

Cost to create a LLC would be less than \$10,000. Could be pro-bono.

Review and approve minutes from 11/11/14 meeting - no quorum.

2014 Budget Report – Reviewed and accepted. Thank you, Ellen!

2014 TEC Annual Report – Should include Solarize, VAW, Town Weatherization. Bob will send prior year end reports to Mike. Mike will make and circulate a draft.

United Church of Thetford Hosted Group Net Metered Array – Update from Mike. Doc Bagley from Catamount getting all the CPG paperwork and VT incentive application in before 31 Dec deadline. Seems like VLS documents will be helpful.

Volunteer Assisted Weatherization Project – Discuss timing and planning for next project at next meeting.

PACE Forum – Forum will be 1/20/15 at TCCC. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Phebe will pick up cider, cookies, cheese and crackers, carrots and dip for 25 people. Hartland and Norwich not very well attended due to weather. Hoping for better attendance at TCCC. Promote through listserv, posters, emails to contractors, realtors. Valley News calendar. Montshire calendar. Vital Communities, Sierra Club. Bob will take care of publicity.

Group Net Metered Solar, Air Source Heat Pump, and wood pellets heaters Forums – Tentatively 8 Feb for Heat Pumps, March 1st for Community Solar. Mike will check on dates with Thetford Hill church.

Energy Tip – PACE financing and forum. Bob will do

Next TEC Meeting Date – Tues Jan. 13, 5:00 PM, at town hall.