

**BARRINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday Apr. 17, 2013 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance: Andrea Moshier, Robert Hart, Peter Clifford, William Layton, Wind Evans, Eivy Monroy, Allan Klepper, Kate Weymouth (Town Council Liaison)
2. Call to order by Andrea Moshier at 7:30, when quorum was present
3. Review and Approve December Minutes: Motion to approve by Allan Klepper, second by William Layton. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Announcement: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (April 25): Andrea briefed the Committee on the upcoming dinner provided by the Town of Barrington, scheduled to take place at the Barrington High School.
5. Feedback and Results of Town Council Meeting: Allan and Peter briefed the Committee on the April Town Council Meeting, during which the Council voted 5-0 to change the name of this Committee from the Committee for Renewable Energy for Barrington (CREB) to Barrington Energy Committee. The Council also provided support for a proposed Solar Workshop to gauge Town support for potential solar developments, but admonished the Committee not to hold the workshop during the summer, but instead to wait until the fall when Town Governance is more active.
6. Volunteers for East Bay Consortium (EBEC) participation: Andrea and Allan briefed the Committee on potential openings for Committee members representing the Town on EBEC. The Committee discussed the fact that EBEC is currently in an operational lull; EBEC is in the process of completing MET tower measurements and then conducting an analysis of the results to determine the feasibility of wind developments at the Tiverton site. The Committee discussed revisiting potential openings depending on EBEC activity subsequent to that analysis.
7. Review status and take action on ongoing programs as necessary
  - a. ***Research and information gathering: Solar Landfill Development*** – The Committee discussed holding a Public Workshop in the fall, in which other Committees and Boards (Planning Board, Conservation Committee/Commission) would be invited, along with the general public. Wind described a solar

development in East Freetown, MA that included a berm that hid it completely from site on the adjacent street. The Committee formed a Subcommittee to work to develop the Workshop, including Eivey, Bill and Peter. Andrea also agreed to ask Phil about issuing a Request for Information (RFI) concerning the landfill sites.

- b. ***DPW Solar Opportunity*** –Bruce Morris (Great Eastern Group) briefed the Committee on a structural analysis completed on the DPW Building, which showed that the roof would not support any type of solar panels due to its age and pre-code construction. Bruce also briefed the Committee on potential locations for solar panels on DPW land, including some rough cost and production estimates. The Committee asked Bruce to expand upon these estimates; Bruce agreed to do so and stipulated that his company (Great Eastern Group) might potentially bid on a future RFQ, but that these investigations were provided without any expectations and free of charge. Andrea agreed to talk with Allan Corvi about the availability of parking spots for a solar development. Peter agreed to create a spreadsheet that contextualizes the figures provided by Bruce with past proposals.
- c. ***Community Garden Partnership, solar powered pump*** – The Committee discussed the Community Garden project on the land purchased by the Town from the Vitulos. In order to develop the Community Garden, the pump currently on the property needs overhauled. Kate proposed that the Committee consider partnering with the project to potentially include a solar-powered pump. The Committee discussed several pumps on the market and questioned the availability of electricity on the property. Wind mentioned that he inquired about the availability of a well completion report with the State of RI, and discovered that one was not available. He told the Committee that the first step to overhauling the pump would be to conduct a pump test on the property. The test would identify the pump depth and output. That information would help determine demand and storage requirements. Eivy agreed to ask the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) about potential support they might be able to provide for the Town's efforts.
- d. ***Website Sub-Committee Update***: Andrea proposed setting up a meeting with Peter and Audra, the new hire in the Planning Department to discuss updates that could be made in the near term to the Committee website.
- e. ***Police Cove update*** – No Update

f. **LED streetlight conversion update:** Peter Clifford reported that DPW is moving forward with testing LED fixtures in decorative street lights on Maple Ave.

8. **Public comment** – None.

9. **Schedule next meeting:** The committee agreed to set a regular meeting schedule of the third Wednesday at 7:30. However, due to school vacation week, the next meeting was scheduled for Feb. 6 at 7:30 (canceled due to lack of quorum).

10. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Allan Klepper, seconded by Robert Hart, unanimously accepted at 9:00.

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