

## FINAL minutes

August 14, 2017 Lyme Energy Committee meeting

Present: Mark, Sue, Jim, Mike, Dan

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

1. We looked at the new LED lighting that has been installed at the Town Office Building (both inside and out) and the new meters that are necessary to sell the RECs that will be earned by the solar system.

2. Mark described meeting with the Selectmen and the Police Chief to discuss the upgrade of streetlights (and possible elimination of some of them). This is an ongoing project, with more information still to be gathered.

3. Mike attended a statewide meeting about possible changes and additions to zoning regulations that relate to alternative energy systems that can be built, and relayed what he learned. Some locations have attempted to come up with specific regulations (for example Hollis, NH) and there has been some talk about the state coming up with "recommended Best Practices" but no concrete proposals so far. Mike suggests we should let sleeping dogs lie for the time being, and see what comes out of the "best practices" effort.

4. The minutes from our previous meeting (May 8) were approved as circulated.

5. Jim asked about the possibility of Lyme making some sort of pledge to achieve 100% renewable energy status by a certain date (like Hanover and other communities have done). After some discussion of how to measure this and what it really means, Jim agreed to look into it further and report back.

6. The meeting concluded with a look at the new high bay lighting in the town garage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.