

## Colrain Energy Committee, 7/18/19, Meeting Notes, 6:00 PM

Present: Elizabeth Erickson, Lynn DiTulio, Peter Brooks, Bing Waldsmith,  
Select Board members; Eileen Sauvageau, and Joe Kurland

1. **Notes;** The meeting notes of June 17, 2019 were not accepted because we do not have a quorum of committee members. Tonights notes were taken by Peter.
2. **Community Choice Aggregation;** There is no new news from the Colonial Power Group. There are no scheduled plans for another meeting, but there will be one in the fall. The DPU has quite a few new staff members who are quite cautious and slow in their processing. They don't expect to receive permission to bid until next January.
3. **Green Communities;** The Town was presented with the Big Check for \$129K on May 5th. The Committee has proposed options for projects to use the funds for. We have been informed by DOER that funds for solar installations must be applied for in the initial grant. When the Town receives that grant it would be the committees intention to use the balance of funds after a solar installation to fund homeowner insulation through MassSave.
4. **Town Garage Insulation;** This will be delayed because Kevin feels that it would be better to bid this in the late fall, to begin construction on the next Spring. The Committee will work to have a solar project completed so the the garage insulation can be funded. Peter will research the specs for the Dryvit and STO cladding systems.
5. **Town Solar;** The committee explained to Eileen and Joe our history of looking into options for the Town to use the state funds to instal solar in town which will reduce the Towns electric power costs. Eversource is now limiting new solar intallations to under 25 kW We looked at roof and ground options at the school. That is more complicated by working with the regional school administration. There are no simple solutions at the school. We did discuss ground mounted installations adjacent to the transfer station. That would require trenching and patching pavement to the electric service. The simplest solar option would be to install a ballasted array on the Town garage roof. The garage has a three phase power service which simplifies the connection. This would have minor or possibly No roof penetrations. We would need a structural roof analysis prior to advertising for bids. We will research the Firestone roof warrantee and propose a course or action to the Select Board if this appears a viable option.

### To Do List;

Upload minutes to Town ,	Elizabeth
Research roof warrentee	Bing
Research garage insulation	Peter
Attend BOS meeting	Peter

**Adjourn** at 7:50

**Next Meeting;** August 15, 6 PM at Highway Garage

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