

## Colrain Energy Committee Meeting Notes, 11/15/18 , Meeting # 18

**Present:** Jonathan Lagreze, Peter Brooks, Elizabeth Ericson, Lynn DiTulio

**Agenda:** Green Community, CCA, Other business.

**18-1** Notes of the meeting on October 4th were accepted.

**18-2 Electrical Aggregation;** Peter spoke with Denise Allard of Colonial Power Group after receiving the DOER letter of approval. She said that they will now make the submission to DPU for permission to bid for our electric power supply. They have to schedule a public hearing for their review. She predicted that the process would take six months based on the usual lag time. Peter reported that the Heath had recently accepted a bid from Constellation New Energy for \$0.12/kWh. Denise had said that DPU have given Eversource permission to raise rates. The current Eversource supply rate is \$0.100/kWh.

**18-3 Green Community Process,** The Town has received feedback from Jim Barry of DoER confirming that the Colrain application review has been approved on 4 of the 5 criteria required to receive the initial grant. The question is on item 3, the energy reduction plan. The letter will be forwarded to Alyssa Larose of FRCOG, for her response to the question regarding the energy reduction by the UMass Center Energy Extension at the Central School.

- **18-4 Grant Priorities;** The Committee discussed how we want to advise the Sollect Board on projects to spend the money on. We have been advised that DoER will only fund solar projects in the first funding round so that is priority one. We expect to receive the initial grant in January.
- A solar Instalation on the Colrain School. A meeting will be setup with the school principal or community outreach person. Our grant money should cover about a 30 kW array.
- Cooperative Solar. We have met with Greg Garrison of NorthEast Solar who has developed a cooperative solar model for local communities. A 3 acre landfill site at the Transfer Station is a good site for that project.
- MassSave. We aim to get subsequent grants to be used for energy upgrades at the school and to distribute funds to weatherization contractors overseen by MassSave doing work for town homeowners.

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### **To Do List** ,.

- Attend Select Board Meeting Monday November 26 at 5:30.....All
- Set up Meeting with School. Elizabeth
- Lynn volunteered to host the December meeting .

**Next Meeting;** Thursday December 20, Highway Garage at 6-8 pm.