

3/7/22 Glover Energy Committee Meeting via Zoom
4pm to 5 pm

Present: Jack Sumberg, Ann Creaven, Sara Gluckman, Angela Daniels,
Heather Clark, Mariel Hess

SOLAR ARRAY

- CPG (Certificate of Public Good) has been granted/issued by PUC (Public Utility Commission) for our solar project - which gives green light for Norwich Solar to proceed in building it.
- Norwich Solar says, "A few more permits will need to be acquired and financing put into place...and as that work is completed, a project engineer and construction supervisor will be assigned to the project." We anticipate the array will be built this summer, but Jack will inquire with Norwich Solar about anticipated timeframe.
- We agree that we should plan some kind of celebration once it's in place.
- Discuss installing solar array on Town Garage but agree this will take some preliminary research including a site evaluation. We will focus on our solar field behind the Ambulance Bay for now.
- Ann agrees to contact Rich Nichols to see if he'd be willing to come do a site visit at our Town Garage.
- If Town Garage is determined to be a good potential site for solar, we may want to suggest it to the Select Board for consideration for ARPA funds.

EV'S AND CHARGERS

- Ann read in "Green Energy Times" that Norwich Solar is installing EV chargers. We may want to consider pursuing EV charger(s) for Glover, but agree to focus on our solar array at this point.
- Heather heard that the new EV Pickups with rebates can be even cheaper than regular pickups.

WINDOW DRESSERS

- WD is urging participating towns to commit to making at least 250 inserts to make them affordable for WD to support towns with cutting of frames and assemblage materials. Our town has never made more than 180 at a time.

-Jack plans to attend a zoom meeting organized by Paul Weaver of Danville, on Wednesday, March 9th, to discuss starting a Window Dresser's program among the towns of Danville, Peacham, Barnet, and Ryegate.

WAYS TO GET WORD OUT ABOUT WINDOW INSERTS in BARTON

- Presentation at Barton Library
- Advertising at Fourth of July parade in Barton
- Putting up a display at Brown's in Barton
- Putting up rack cards or posters at libraries and banks
- Having table at town-wide yard sales
- Having table at Barton Fair
- Display or presentation at Senior Centers or Senior Housing

RURAL EDGE

-Angela has reached out to Rural Edge (manager of senior and low-income housing in a number of towns in the area) about joining in on one of our meetings. We want to ask them about their energy efficiency measures in their buildings, and whether they would consider things like solar, power purchase agreements, "envelope" improvements, energy efficient lighting, etc.

-We agree to ask Patrick Shattuck, Exec. Dir. of Rural Edge based in Lyndonville, and Becky Major based in Newport - to join us on Tuesday, March 22nd at 3:30pm. Angela will do this.

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS TO DO SCHOOL ENERGY ASSESSMENT

-Heather reports no one on school staff or in the community responded to taking this on.

-As an alternative, we suggest students follow and report on the solar installation at the school that is to take place sometime in the next year or so. We suggest asking Tena Starr if she would be willing to spearhead this.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 22nd at 3:30pm, on zoom.

Submitted by Mariel Hess