**Bethlehem Energy Commission**

MINUTES of March 16, 2021 Online meeting

**Mission**

*The Bethlehem Energy Commission was established for the study and planning of energy resources for the town. The commission will evaluate existing energy usage in the town and suggest possible improvements in energy efficiency and conservation, as well as potential clean renewable energy solutions in order to reduce expenses and increase self-reliance.*

**Minutes**

Attending: David Van Houten, Josiah Chamberlain, Mark Koprowski, Mary Lou Krambeer; Bruce Caplain (representative from the Selectboard). Public: Barry Zeitzer, Melissa Elander.

This is in addition to our regular monthly meeting so that we can stay on top of the solar project timeline. If there is time, we may take up other business.

Approve minutes: Dan makes motion to approve, Josiah, seconded, all approved.

Financial Assessment Pod update: Josiah, David and Mark spent a lot of time reviewing costs and savings and electric rates.

BES report: David and Josiah attended Bethlehem Elementary School to present the solar project. Presentation was well received, the board was very supportive. In the future we will figure out how the town and school will split the costs and savings.

PR Pod update: waiting to hear on NEGEF grant. Melissa has sketched out a story board. She and Mary Lou also intend to meet with a videographer.

Warrant article – we need a few more pieces of financial information prior to finishing the wording of the revised article.

**Next steps**

David -go to BES meeting

Mary Lou & Melissa – PR

Bruce – look into financing options for warrant article; will also investigate RR right-of-way

Josiah – will also investigate RR right-of-way

Dan – will look at BES PP presentation

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

Bethlehem Solar Project updates, EV chargers, solar pool heater, Village District report

Next meeting date: Tuesday April 6, 6:00pm

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