

Buckland Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes: 27 December 2023, 7:00 p.m. (held via Zoom)

Present: Committee Members: Margaret Olin, Brian Summer; Guests: *None*

Absent: Committee Members: Michael Novack, Penny Novack, Harvey Schaktman

Facilitator:

Scribe: Margaret Olin

1. Open the meeting.

- Meeting not opened due to lack of quorum

2. Review and approve minutes from 29 November 2023 meeting.

- Not done: Meeting Cancelled at 7:15 due to lack of quorum

3. Discussion of solarize programs – past, present, & future – including state/federal incentives for residents, businesses, and municipalities, community solar initiatives; possibility of follow-up on pre-pandemic META Grant for Community Shared Solar feasibility study/ Northeast Solar

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4. Discussion of local and regional energy-related issues (plus links shared at prior meetings), possibly including:

- Rail transport of fossil and other fuels; concerns about derailments, remaining railroad ties and debris along tracks
- State-proposed energy legislation, including any “woodlands partnership” updates; response to Northern Pass; PACE Program & Green Works;
- Alternative electric power suppliers; municipal electricity aggregation program & any updates from Colonial Power Group
- MassSave program updates
- New Massachusetts programs: (through Mass CEC and DOER; Center for EcoTechnology --CET)
- Municipal lighting/streetlights; Lighting Advisory Committee
- Recycle-able/biodegradable plastic bags; single-use plastics
- PFAS Testing Program updates

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5. Update on past Green Communities Grant applications; planning for 2023-24

- continue discussion on potential projects to include in future applications, especially those that will bring us closer to the 20% reduction in energy use marker
- DOER updates?

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• Future winsets workshop? Public forum on energy issues?

- Fall '23 – Winter '24 film series and/or discussion groups?
- Budget for events

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7. Updates on MVP Grant current and future; Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates

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8. Report back about other meetings/ activities in which committee members participate.

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9. Other items not reasonably anticipated

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10. Choose facilitator and scribe for next meeting.

11. Adjourn meeting.

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