



Town of Plaistow
Renewable Energy Committee
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 @ 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Selectman, Julian Kiszka; Sean Fitzgerald, *Town Manager*; Greg Jones, Town Planner; *Tim Moore, Planning Board*; *Geoffrey Adams, Planning Board*; *Cab Vinton, Library Director*; *David Gerns, Budget Committee*; *Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant*

EXCUSED: Mike Dorman, Building Inspector

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:04 PM

Committee members introduce themselves and stated why they are interested in participating on this committee.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the 2015 Town of Plaistow Renewables Committee is to determine what ways, if any, Plaistow can reorganize its operations so as to deliver services to residents in a more cost efficient manner.

G. Jones showed an informative power point presentation on renewable energy. Objectives were discussed. G. Jones has researched financial incentive programs developed on all levels, local, state and federal. Some NH communities offer exemptions for solar, wind, or wood power. Currently Plaistow only has an exemption for wood. The state of NH continues to make strides toward increasing our energy efficiency, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and securing our energy future.

M. Dorman, sent information through email. His office has received about 11 requests for roof top solar permits and he expects this to reach 20 – 25 by the end of the year. Residents are becoming more aware of renewable energy and potential cost savings. One member of this committee, Julian Kiszka uses solar energy at his own home while another member, Tim Moore is looking into it.

S. Fitzgerald has asked Unitil for a price for the Town to purchase all of our streetlights. We have 438 streetlights in town and pay approximately \$99,000 just for electricity. S. Fitzgerald also wants this committee to strive to save money and the savings will be used to make changes in other areas/departments to promote additional savings.

GOALS: The committee discussed goals they want to consider including

- Setting up a Face Book Page
- Educational Summit
- Invite some “Best Practice” presenters to a future meeting
- Visits to communities with established Renewable Energy Committees

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary