

## Renewable Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committee (RESAC) – Town of Yarmouth

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 12, 2019

**Present:**

**Committee Members**

Heather Abbot  
Toby Ahrens  
David Ertz  
Chuck Parker

**Town Council Members**

April Humphrey  
Richard Plourde

**Town Employees**

(none)

**Public**

Ben Lake  
Tony Plante

**Votes & Decisions:**

- Minutes from previous meeting: Approved (4-0; Lianne Mitchell and Scott Sherriff not present).

**Commitments Made:**

- David will present at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Town Council Operations Meeting to update the Town Council on our actions to date including early community solar siting efforts. David will continue to make progress on locations and logistical considerations for a potential community solar installation.
- Toby will continue to stay up to date on building committee energy efficiency considerations and will follow up with the school building architects to see when they will have energy usage estimates.
- Heather will continue working on a draft RESAC column for the quarterly town newsletter.
- Chuck offered to look into participation in the Window Dressers.
- Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Notes:**

- Following Paul Faulstich's resignation the previous month, the Committee agreed that it should try to add an additional team member. Chuck Parker officially joined and provided an introduction to the group. Welcome Chuck!
- Ben Lake and Tony Plante from the Greater Portland Council of Governments presented various sustainability efforts and resources available through GPCOG. One notable current effort is LED streetlight replacement across several communities – there may be a quick way for Yarmouth to piggyback on GPCOG's efforts. Ben was encouraged to reach out to Nat Tupper and the Town Council if needed. Other updates included ME Clean Communities, EV lending opportunities, EV charging station funds, and group buying opportunities (EVs, heat pumps, and more).
- Toby provided a brief update on energy efficiency considerations in the school additions and public safety building.
- David provided updates on efforts for a potential community solar installation and reviewed a presentation to be given at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Town Council Operations Meeting. The purpose will be to provide an update on RESAC an overview of the potential solar project to ask the Council if (1) they support the project in concept and (2) whether we are focused on the right piece of land.
- Heather followed up with Hannaford to find out if they plan to install EV charging stations; the response was that there were no plans in the near future.

