

## Andover Energy Group Minutes: September 5, 2013

### Financing workshop planned for October

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*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Attending:** Steve and Gisela Darling, Susan and Larry Chase, Vicky Mishcon, Janet Moore, Jeff Dickinson, Sophie Viandier, Andy Prokosch, Tim Gallagher, guest Bill Spear from the New London Energy Committee.

*The Green Energy Times* is increasingly covering more of New Hampshire and not just Vermont. Andover Energy Group (AEG) members distribute this bimonthly to locations in Andover, New London, and Salisbury.

Vicky reported on the possibility of visiting the Groton wind farm with an Iberdrola guide. New date: perhaps October 23. Need high-clearance vehicle to view wind turbines. Sophie will pursue.

Adam Jones from Proctor has students available for community service projects; awaiting more information from Adam.

Ken Wells has a portable solar panel demonstration kit that is available for future use at outdoor events in the area. We should be mindful of possibilities.

New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association is sponsoring a "Green Buildings Open House Day" on October 5. See NHSEA.org.

Sophie spoke about biogas, her idea being to start with a small installation at the Transfer Station, then move to residential housing units. In our wintry climate, the installation would be "parasitic," i.e., some of the gas produced would need to be used to heat the plant to keep it running.

Biogas is a husbandry activity. Find out if Bohanon Farm in Contoocook does any methane production. Sophie will communicate with Proctor re: their possible involvement in these energy projects.

ReVision sent a preliminary report from their municipal site visit in July, mostly drawings of a possible photovoltaic installation serving the Town's municipal complex. The school and Town Hall could host enough solar panels to power all the municipal buildings.

With the passage of RSA 362-A, the Group Net Metering Statute, up to eight meters could be "connected" under one account. Jeff spoke again on the overall efficiency benefits of a biomass plant as another strong option.

Articles for *The Andover Beacon* are under Larry's purview. The Andover Energy Group (AEG) minutes will be forwarded to the *Beacon* for publication.

Possible fall-winter workshops include a Saturday, October 19, financing workshop with a vice-president of Lake Sunapee Bank, Tyler Gilday.

Susan will be looking at a residential wind power workshop two or three weeks later. Should we open this up to general wind power? The committee voted to keep it a residential workshop, but we will postpone until spring. Instead, Sophie will host a home weatherization workshop on Saturday, November 9.

Bill Spear, a Colby-Sawyer professor, spoke about the New London Energy Committee, which is interested in a variety of partnership opportunities. Tom Mills, who owns the Millstone and Four Corners Grille restaurants, is always willing to talk about and demonstrate green energy options. He also has a biomass plant.

It's also time to visit the Merrimack Valley Schools complex to tour its biomass plant, which heats both the middle and high schools. We were reminded to keep in touch with Professor Jennifer White at Colby-Sawyer with regard to alternative-energy programs and projects at the college.

The Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative is trying to reach out into the communities and get involved with schools and standing committees. Sophie can set up a "meet-up" online for us to facilitate communication among, specifically, Andover groups.

Andy facilitated a short discussion on municipal bridge-building, the focus being on timber bridges, and asked whether the AEG or the Andover Conservation Commission should get involved in educating those who pay for and build local bridges. Andy will deliver a similar message to the Andover Conservation Commission.

The AEG will meet again on Thursday, October 3, at 7 PM, at a location to be determined.

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## Warner Fall Foliage Festival Adds Field & Farm Expo

Friday, October 11  
to Sunday, October 13

#### Press release

Plans are nearly complete for the 66th annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival, scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend.

"This year's festival will be outstanding. We'll have crafters and a farmers market, rides, food, parades, road races, raffles, music, and entertainment for everyone ... and more," said festival president, Sean Bohman. "There are several competitions folks can participate in, and new this year is the Farm and Field Expo, with displays of outdoor equipment, canoes, kayaks, and farm store booths. It's the same great festival with some new locations."

Part of the festival has moved one block south. The midway, food tents, Farm and Field Expo, oxen and woodsmen competitions will be set up on Depot Street, just downhill from Main Street.

"We thank Warner Power and H.R.

Clough for the use of their space. I couldn't be happier. They're good and generous members of the community," Sean said.

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival begins on Friday, October 11, from 6 to 9 PM, when Depot Street comes alive with excitement. There will be numerous activities throughout downtown on Saturday, October 12, from 9 AM to 8 PM, and Sunday, October 13, from 9 AM to 6 PM. Parking will be at the west end of town, with free shuttle bus service to and from the festival.

Volunteers are needed to help with many phases of the festival, and those willing to donate their time are asked to sign up on WFFF.org or call 456-9775.

"Proceeds from the festival go back into the community for worthy projects and to support local groups," Sean said. "Our flyers are out, and I hope people will look for them. Everything is listed there."

Sign-up forms for the competitions and more information about the Warner Fall Foliage Festival can also be found on WFFF.org.



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