

Town of Enfield
Renewable Energy Advisory Committee

November 29, 2017 Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Carpenter, Marcus Gingerich, Art Godin, Jude Lemke, Mimi Mehaffey, Dan Walker,
Not Present: Walt Smithers

At this meeting we reviewed a solar law developed by the Town of Wilton and determined which features we wished to keep and which to alter for our draft proposal. These decisions will be incorporated by Jude into an updated draft which will also include issues discussed and decisions made at our last meeting.

Among topics discussed were the following:

- The classification of solar energy systems by type (roof-mounted, ground-mounted, building integrated, thermal) and by scale (small, large, commercial);
- Procedures, parameters and safety standards applying to each type and scale;
- Our growing preference for setting scale limits based on area and lot coverage rather than on kilowatts generated;
- The role of the Town Board versus the Planning Board in reviewing and approving large solar projects. Support was expressed for meetings combining both Boards when hearing proposals for major solar projects.

We decided to wait until our next meeting to tackle the difficult subject of abandonment and decommissioning.

Our next meetings will be held at the Community Building on Thurs 12/14/17 and Thurs 1/4/18, all at 7-9 PM.

-Summary submitted by Art Godin.