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ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2013

The members of the Energy Committee met for the last time in August 2013. Its Chairman, Ryan Prucnal formally resigned with a September 11 letter to the Town Clerk. To the best of our knowledge, no minutes of the last meeting have issued. This document is the committee's recollection as of the above date of that last meeting and the decision to dissolve the committee.

The Energy Committee members believe that the committee accomplished some major goals and that future opportunities are few. Further, the committee has not been successful to attract additional members, which is necessary to avoid meeting cancellations due to lack of a quorum.

The Committee has measured each of the town buildings' energy use for the past few years and focused on the largest users, the newest buildings. With much help from the DPW and the building landlords, the energy systems are now operating as designed. Their energy systems use best available practicable technology. The Committee has communicated to the Town Administrator that further energy consumption improvements, if any, will be derived from behavioral changes of the occupants and that the available measurement tools will not be able to detect these.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to dissolve the Energy Committee.

Nevertheless, some Energy Committee activities will survive. Kirchner will continue to collect electricity, oil and propane use and spend data and meet quarterly with the Town Administrator to review same. Shnitzler and Kirchner will work with Don Lowe to issue the RFP to lease town landfill land to a solar facility owner.

Ryan Prucnal, Chair Margaret Campbell Ted Kirchner Burt Shnitzler

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