

## **Energy Workshop Proposed Agenda**

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Moretown Town Hall

### **Opening Presentation (15 min)**

Brandy will give an opening presentation that will cover:

- Meeting purpose and agenda
- Intro to town plan
- Survey results
- Facts & figures
- Introduce panel and panel discussion questions

### **Panel Discussion (30 min)**

Brandy will facilitate a panel discussion organized around the following broad questions:

1. What is the town's role in energy planning and in the review/regulation of energy projects?
2. What is Moretown doing with regard to energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy?
3. What are other municipalities doing with regard to energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy?
4. What type(s) and scale(s) of renewable energy projects are possible in Moretown given our existing resources? What is the difference between residential-scale, community-scale and commercial-scale energy generation?
5. What are the potential benefits for and impacts on a municipality that hosts commercial-scale renewable energy projects?

### **Break-Out Session (45 min)**

Attendees will break out into small groups to discuss one or more of the following questions and recommend related policies or actions that should be included in the town plan:

1. Should we encourage or require new development to be more energy efficient?
2. Should we participate in the PACE program, which could help property owners finance energy conservation improvements and renewable energy systems?
3. Should we invest in making our streetlights, municipal buildings or municipal vehicles more energy efficient?
4. Should we specifically designate areas of town where larger solar or wind projects would be appropriate or would not be appropriate? If so, where?
5. Should our plan include specific standards on the size, height or other impacts of larger solar or wind projects that would or would not be appropriate?
6. Should we seek opportunities to develop a renewable energy project on the land behind the school or other town property?

### **Wrap-Up (30 min)**

Each small group will summarize their discussion and present their recommended policies or actions. After all groups have presented, the floor will be opened for general discussion of the issues. Attendees will be asked to indicate their level of support for the recommended policies or actions. Brandy will close the meeting with a brief wrap-up and explanation of the next steps for working on the plan.

- Present recommendations table-by-table
- Discussion of policy recommendations
- Preference voting on policy recommendations
- Next steps