

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

November 19, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Mike Koch, Dr. Ed Gates, Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Eric Guthrie, Mike Dreisbach, Bob Sutton, Jo Gilman, Jim Torrington, Rodney Glotfelty

Committee members not in attendance: Tim Carney, Paul Durham, David Dorsey

Others attending: Jeff Simcoe, Cheryl DeBerry, Andrea Varrato, Evan Hansen, Woody Getz

Approval of September meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)):

A motion was made by Bob Sutton, seconded by Eric Guthrie, to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Presentation by Anya Schoolman with the Community Power Network:

Anya Schoolman from the Community Power Network presented committee members with information about the organization and their role in assisting communities with installing solar energy systems as part of a local cooperative ([Attachment B](#)). Community Power Network provides technical assistance, roof suitability screenings, assistance in drafting RFPs, and many other services. Committee members took part in a question and answer period about solar installations and Community Power Network's services. Ms. Schoolman also provided committee members with a detailed informational handout ([Attachment C](#)) that detailed Community Power Network's completed and pending projects.

Update on Garrett College biomass energy project and update on Solar City project:

Jeff Simcoe presented a PowerPoint ([Attachment D](#)) to committee members regarding Garrett College's progress in assessing the feasibility of installing a biomass to energy system on the Garrett College campus. This system would service the Community Aquatic and Recreation Complex (CARC) as well as other buildings. Paul Lewandowski of AFS Energy Systems presented a proposal to the college in October, which included a simple financial analysis associated with installing a biomass to energy system at the CARC. Committee members also watched an informational video of an existing AFS Energy Systems biomass boiler that is currently operating in a school in Pennsylvania and that was toured by representatives of Garrett College and committee members on November 17th.

Mr. Simcoe provided an update on the progress of the Solar City initiative. Conference calls have taken place between the Garrett County procurement office representatives of Solar City. Solar City has agreed to generate proposals for the installation of solar energy systems at a variety of Garrett County sites. Discussions between Solar City and Allegany County representatives have not progressed to this stage.

Maryland Clean Energy Summit summary:

Jeff Simcoe provided a summary of the Maryland Clean Energy Summit event that took place on October 14-15, 2014. The summit focused on the customer experience under changing energy markets and Maryland's role in facilitating a shift in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Topics of discussion included energy efficiency, the reliability and security of electric power, and energy policy, among others.

Public comment:

Public comment has been captured in an audio recording ([Attachment E](#)).

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Jim Torrington, seconded by Mike Dreisbach, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.