

**Green Community Committee Meeting**  
**January 12, 2023**

**In attendance:** Bill Taylor, Dominique Ross, Robert Jordan

**Format:** Virtual

**Quorum:** Met and meeting brought to order: 7:07pm

1. **Town's Annual Report** - Completed and submitted. Information in the report was a good refresher on the state's Solid Waste Management Plan.
2. **Streetlight Project & Composting Project**
  - a. **Streetlight LED Replacement:** What was it that stalled the project? No more money available to fund the project. Grant money is not available and funding from the town has dried up. We have a list of the streetlights and what we have to pay National Grid. Grant round - Central MA Regional Planning Commission sponsors this. Bill Taylor to be part of a round table about ideas for grant projects. Might need to start fresh with another audit - several companies that the state has vetted. Guardian Energy completed our audit a number of years ago (when?). No cost to us at that time. There may be money in the current
  - b. **Composting:** Inserts in Free Press or full page ad? What content would they accept from us? Dominique to meet with BOH on Friday January 13. Writing an article about Black Earth and what they do. Sticker for recycling bin. Ask BOH about data on recycling stream. Presentations at Miscoe for the Solarize program. Could we do this at Micoe, Nipmuc, BVT?
3. **Reinstituting Municipal Aggregation Program for purchase of electricity** - plan has not been approved by DPU yet. Not sure of the timing after approval. A hearing was held - that piece is complete. A recent article about another community's program which resulted in substantial savings.
4. **Energy Use Master Plan** - no updates to report. See notes from December regarding questions to consider.
5. **Municipal Fleet Electrification** - nothing to report, although the Town Manager asked about this and was seeking feedback.
6. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Projects** - keep this on our radar. Will likely need an audit to determine projects.
7. **Approval of minutes** from December 8th, 2022. Motion - B Taylor. Second - D Ross. Roll call vote: JJordan - aye; Taylor - aye; Ross - aye.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting submitted by Dominique Ross at 7:43pm. 2nd to motion - Bill Taylor. Roll call vote: Jordan - aye; Taylor - aye; Ross - aye.