**Marlborough Energy Committee**

**October 26, 2023**

Present: Trent Boehmler, Jerry Burns, Ira Gavrin, Marge Shepardson

1. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Jerry has been researching this new federal program and he shared his findings with the committee. The largest pool of money is for business tax credits for energy reduction but there are also grants and tax credits for residential customers and some for municipalities. Money will be available every year for ten years.

Municipalities

* Local renewable energy projects, especially wind and solar but also geothermal
* They can work with other towns or groups, such as the BlocPower grant that Peterborough and Harrisville did together to weatherize over 100 buildings.
* We could do a town-wide mailing to inform Marlborough residents and businesses of available grants.
* We could work with the Garden Club to upgrade the area around the bell. Linda Ferrant is the contact person for the Garden Club.

 **Ira** will talk to Linda for details.

* We could talk to Swanzey or Keene about our own BlocPower project.

Nora Hanke (Monadnock Energy.Hub) is going to do some webinars in January and February explaining Rewiring America. Go to “Rewiring America” for more information and a guide. Have her come speak at a future meeting*.*

Next Steps

* **Trent** will figure out how to apply for rebates for equipment at Main Crust.
* **Ira, Jerry and Marge** will create a flyer with the help of Silver Direct.

Energy Efficiency work: we can talk to companies about them possibly helping with upfront expenses, companies such as Keating or a windows company.

1. Invite Stephanie Eggers to come next month to talk about ECA Solar’s community solar project.

**Next meeting November 16 at 4:30** (third week instead of fourth, because of Thanksgiving).