# **Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee**

August 20, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Committee members attending**: Mike Koch, David Dorsey, Paul Durham, Eric Guthrie, Bob Sutton, Tim Carney, Jim Torrington, Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Rodney Glotfelty, Dr. Ed Gates

Committee members not in attendance: Jo Gilman, Mike Dreisbach

Others attending: Jeff Simcoe, Cheryl DeBerry, Andrea Varrato, Eric Robison

# Approval of July meeting minutes (<u>Attachment A</u>):

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

# **Presentation by Dan Conant from Mosaic Power:**

Dan Conant discussed Mosaic Power's energy optimization strategy with the committee. He detailed the impact of Mosaic Power's water heater technology on the electricity grid and discussed one practical application for this technology in community-funded solar installations for non-profit organizations. Mr. Conant provided committee members with several informational flyers detailing Mosaic Power's energy optimization strategy (<u>Attachment B</u>), energy markets and balancing the grid (<u>Attachment C</u>), and electric load control of the grid at the micro level (<u>Attachment D</u>).

#### Discuss and finalize one page energy initiative documents

One page documents for each of the three initiatives were discussed by committee members and finalized. These documents capture an overview, background, specific details, and financing for each initiative. One page documents were constructed for the Mountain Maryland Solarize Project (<u>Attachment E</u>), the Mountain Maryland Energy Efficiency Project (<u>Attachment F</u>), and the Biomass Energy Project (<u>Attachment G</u>). These ideas will be presented to the Garrett County Board of Commissioners during their session on September 9, 2014. A presentation to the Allegany County Board of Commissioners is also anticipated.

#### Review new ideas in the MMEAC idea parking lot

Mr. Simcoe presented a PowerPoint (<u>Attachment H</u>) that provided an overview of ideas submitted by committee members and the general public during Phase II of the ideas generation process. Ideas included a business park solar energy project, small scale wind energy production, and small scale hydropower, among others. The remaining ideas from Phase I were also included in the PowerPoint so that these ideas could potentially be re-visited by the committee.

#### **Public comment:**

No public comment was offered during this meeting.

## Adjourn:

A motion was made by Tim Carney, seconded by Eric Guthrie, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.