

# **Enfield Energy Committee**

## **Tuesday October 8, 2019; 5:15 pm**

### **Members Present:**

Jo-Ellen Courtney  
Kurt Gotthardt  
Charlie Clark (leaving early)  
Kim Quirk (arriving after Solarize discussion)

### **Members Excused:**

Marta Ceroni

### **Others Present:**

Wendell Smith (arriving late)  
Chuck Townsend (Canaan Energy Committee)  
Andy Van Abs (Canaan Energy Committee)  
Marjorie Rogalski (Sustainable Hanover)  
Barbara Callaway (Sustainable Hanover)

### **Solarize Enfield/Canaan — Marjorie**

#### **Preplanning:**

- We need to have a time line – start and end dates. Kickoff followed by a definite sign-up cut-off.
- Select installers—Hanover included ReVision Energy, Solaflect Energy, Norwich Solar, and Catamount Solar. These provided a variety of options and a chance at comparative evaluation. The major incentive to installer participation was the publicity that the program provided.
- Sustainable Hanover Developed a Google Docs web form with blurbs for all four installers with links to their websites. to collect signups, and worked from the spreadsheet that produced. Signup included installer desired, and many participants signed up for all four installers.
- Plans should be discussed with building inspectors in each town so that volunteers will be able to advise what participants should expect.
- Initial publicity is essential. Utilize list serves, open houses, church groups, other public groups.
- Speak with banks about solar loan opportunities.
- Hanover obtained yard signs—“Ask Me About My Solar”.
- Perhaps we should be in touch with the Dartmouth Sustainability Office.

**Events:**

- Hanover had kickoff event with information table, a table for each installer, a solar slide show, and food (important). Perhaps banks would like to participate, or Tri-County CAP. Volunteers wore “Ask Me About My Solar” bibs.
- We should consider tables at town meetings, at events on the green, at the transfer stations.
- Advertised open houses to show finished installations were very helpful.

**Process:**

- Volunteers talked with potential participants about federal tax credit incentives and state rebate potential, facilitated signups.
- Marjorie took signups from Google Docs sheet, and called installers.
- Hanover Solarize had regular group calls with volunteers and installers.
- Installers contacted participants and arranged home visits.
- Installers took care of building permits, contact with utility.

**Concerns:**

- Installers had to visit homes without potential for their installations. Needed more adequate pre-signup guidance.
- Signups continued after planned end date. All the work not yet finished.

**Solarize Enfield/Canaan — Discussion**

- Kurt – town meeting day would be good kickoff.
- Kim – perhaps signup deadline May 31<sup>st</sup>. 26% tax credits available in 2020. NH rebate program may not be funded.
- Chuck – we need to understand the web tools Hanover used.
- Kim – “Move that we need one or two leaders to step forward within the next month if we are going to proceed.” Seconded by Kurt and approved.

**Membership and Meetings — Jo-Ellen**

- Travis has resigned from his office and from the committee due to other obligations.
- Kim – “Move that Kurt and Jo-Ellen be advanced to full membership.” Second from Kurt and passed.
- Kim – “Move that Jo-Ellen be named the acting chair.” Second from Kurt and passed.
- Kim – “Move that Wendell be appointed as an alternate member. Second from Kurt and passed.
- Discussion of meeting time—Kurt will set up a Google poll of possible times.

**Community Choice Aggregation; Solar Power Purchase Agreement — Kim**

- Kim read a proposed warrant article for a Town vote that would give the select board the option of negotiating a SPPA. The select board is reviewing the warrant article.
- Kim said that the select board had named the Energy Committee to form a Community Power Subcommittee to work on a Community Choice Aggregation proposal.

- Jo-Ellen – “Move that the Enfield Energy Committee accept the select board charge to set up a Community Power Subcommittee.” Second by Kim and passed. Volunteered to lead the committee. She said that Hanover and Lebanon are already working on developing a CCA plan and would likely welcome Enfield joining them.

#### **Street Lights — Kurt**

- Nothing new to report

#### **Municipal Facilities— Jo-Ellen**

- The facilities group chose the Bread Loaf Corporation to do a quick analysis of site developing, repurposing and replacement design for municipal facilities.

#### **DPW— Charlie**

- Jo-Ellen summarized the report Charlie had prepared concerning the energy audit conducted on DPW building by Liberty Utilities. The Energy audit was accepted by Town Administrator Ryan Aylesworth. The town will pay for the \$1000 for the second level audit to be conducted.

#### **Enfield Master Plan**

- Kurt reported that the master plan is still at its planning stage.
- Chuck offered to share the Energy chapter from Canaan’s new master plan when it is released.

#### **Education and Outreach - Kim**

- Kim suggests that we plan a second Energy Expo. The last one was August 2018. There are new technical and commercial developments that we could highlight.

Adjournment: 7:00