

## **Enfield Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, via Zoom 5/26/20**

**Attendees:** Jo-Ellen Courtney (chair), Kurt Gotthardt, Marta Ceroni, Kim Quirk, Charlie Clark (alternate, can vote today) From Canaan: Andy Van Abs, Chuck Townsend  
Absent: Wendell Smith

### **Streetlights**

The Selectboard voted not to remove any streetlights. They did send the list of broken lights to Liberty Utilities, which have been fixed. Perhaps the next recourse for removing any lights would be through the budget committee, who are trying to reduce costs. For now, we agreed to let this sit for awhile and look for an opportunity in the future.

### **NH Clean Energy letter**

We received a letter from NH Clean Energy asking for us to support NH's net metering rules to increase the maximum solar array size from 1MW to 5MW. Economies of scale will make this a better financial project and allow the state to grow the total solar generation. Kim made a motion that the Enfield Energy Committee support the letter from NH Clean Energy. It was seconded.

Discussion included bringing this up to the Selectboard to get their input in case they have any thoughts for or against it. The vote was unanimous to support and bring it before the Selectboard.

**Action:** Jo-Ellen will get on the Selectboard agenda and send them the letter ahead of time. Kim will go to that meeting as well to answer any questions.

Community Power Summit - Friday June 5th  
Please sign up if you are interested!

**Action:** Jo-Ellen will find out from Alisa how we she can run the next zoom to allow us to share a screen.

**Action:** Kim to investigate the log in for EPA portfolio; Charlie will help get the data into the system once we can get logged in.

**Action:** Chuck Townsend - provide info on NH energy bills of interest to energy committees in NH

### **Building Facilities Discussions**

Jo-Ellen attended a few meetings to bring up the energy efficiency for any future buildings. Everything is probably on hold for a while with the pandemic, which is going to affect the budgeting for a while. Chief Holland asked Kim about safety/reliability planning and the possibility of replacing a generator with battery backup. It is too expensive to do that now, but during the discussion of a new fire/safety building, it would make sense to think about solar and batteries to be able to increase resiliency.

Charlie checked with Jim Taylor about replacing the rest of the LED bulbs. We are waiting to get the go ahead to install when Covid issues let up.

**Next meeting date is June 23**

Meeting Adjourned: 7pm