

Enfield Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes, 22 September 2020

Attending: Marta Ceroni, Kurt Gotthardt, Kim Quirk, Jo-Ellen Courtney, Wendell Smith, Charles Clark
Guest: Andy Van Abs (Canaan Energy Committee)

Meeting started at: 6:02 pm.

Disclaimer read to enable us to meet remotely via Zoom.

The minutes from the last meeting 28 July were approved.

Community Power Kim spoke on Community Power NH (CPNH). This program will enable the town, together other towns, to purchase electric power at a lower rate and provide better metering than is presently provided by Liberty Utility. A letter needs to be sent to Henry Herndon, of Clean Energy NH, showing our support. This program needs to be explained to the Select Board to gain their support. Jo-Ellen will write an article explaining this program for the next town newsletter. A warrant article should be presented at the next town meeting in March 2021.

Purchase Power Agreement The bidding window to the RFP is currently open for the PPA solar for the DPW. Kim explained the limited interest in small solar arrays like this proposed for DPW. She said that is hard to convince her employer, Revision Energy to take part in this RFP. She left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Wendell suggested we consider getting a private investor to invest in the solar to reduce that cost of the solar system. He mentioned the Mascoma Lakeside Park was financed this way and is an example of private and town support on a project. He said that he will contact someone on the Lakeside Park group for assistance. The closing date for bids for the solar PPA is 28 September.

Button Up NH Jo-Ellen spoke about the Button Up NH program which Canaan and Enfield Energy Committees are cosponsoring. She also talked on a report that she received from Henry Herndon. There will be a Clean Energy Conference on 28-29 October.

Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee Jo-Ellen had attended the MFAC meeting on 14 September where the committee reported their recommendations to the Select Board.

Next meeting of the Energy meeting will be, 27 October 2020 at 6:00 pm, on Zoom.

Meeting ended at 7:15 PM