

Enfield Energy Committee

February 23, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees Marta Ceroni, Charlie Clark, Jo-Ellen Courtney Excused: Kim Quirk Guest: Gary Hutchins

Meeting via ZOOM justification read.

Minutes from January to be revised

NH HB 315 Public hearing was held over two days due to overwhelming public response against the bill to drastically change RSA 53-E Community Power Law. Jo-Ellen sent a letter of opposition on behalf of the Enfield Energy Committee. Request for the Select Board support had been postponed to their meeting after the hearing. Our request for their support was withdrawn.

At the first hearing 411 people signed in against the bill with 9 in support. Opponents included the Municipal Association and Associations of Counties. A small group of people offered to work on solution to the issues raised at the hearings.

Community Power

Hanover and Lebanon have signed on as the first members of the newly established Community Power Coalition NH.

With the HB 315 still in Science, Technology and Energy committee, we do not know how to proceed. If the HB 315 *stays* as is *and* continues to the House and Senate, it would decimate the community power effort within the state.

Community Education

We reviewed the topics for the coming year from our planning session at January's meeting. To encourage more visibility, we plan to submit material to the Town newsletter at least quarterly.

An announcement of the upcoming NHSaves program was submitted to the March Town newsletter. Our committee and Weatherize Hanover are cosponsoring an information session on NHSaves via Zoom on March 11.

This educational session will provide community members in the Upper Valley region information on how to access rebates provided by the Home Improvement with Energy Savings program of NHSaves. The session will be provided by Horizon Residential the third party vendor of NHSaves.

DPW

Charlie Clark has been working with Jim Taylor DPW director to oversee the new solar installation that is scheduled to happen this spring. The project will increase size of the array from 65KwH to 80 KwH.

Warrant Article 6 scheduled for Town Meeting vote in May requests *funds to make energy efficient changes to DPW building.*

Charlie Clark will approach Jim Taylor about having an energy audit conducted for the Union Street Fire House. The information collected from an audit would provide more specific suggestions about making the station more energy efficient.

Master Plan

The committee meets twice monthly. Jo-Ellen suggested members attend occasional Master Planning meetings.