

Enfield Energy Committee

May 25, 2021 Minutes

Members present: Marta Ceroni, Charlie Clark, Jo-Ellen Courtney, Gary Hutchins, Kim Quirk, Wendell Smith

Approval of April minutes Kim motioned approval. Jo-Ellen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Electric Vehicle Program Development is in progress. Revisit topic next meeting.

Community Power Aggregation Several members attended the online sessions on Roadmap to Community Power co-sponsored by Clean Energy NH and Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH).

We were invited to “Meet and Greet” with current members and prospective new members of CPCNH. Kim and Jo-Ellen participated. Invitations were extended to Select Board members and Interim Town Manager. Kate Plumley attended this session. Ms. Plumley requested a brief statement to pass on to other Select Board members.

Kim and Jo-Ellen developed this description for Ms. Plumley to pass on. Communities are joining this statewide non-profit coalition to buy electricity.

CPCNH is a statewide non-profit organization with a goal to allow local communities to establish their default energy source rather than being resigned to the default energy from the Utility.

By looking at the energy market more often than bi-yearly (which is what the utilities do), and using the buying power of a large number of communities throughout NH we can get achieve a better default energy price and provide tiers or choices for our community.

The secondary benefit of joining this coalition is that it allows the communities to take advantage of locally generated energy and to provide programs and incentives for our residents to save money and/or to choose alternatives with higher renewable content if they would like.

Two options are available to us to join proceed. One is to have the Select Board approve joining and approving the Joint Power Agreement. The second option is to develop an aggregation plan and bring it to Town Meeting for approval then join the Coalition.

Next steps - Henry Herdon will meet with some members on Friday, May 28 at 9:00 AM at ReVision Energy's front porch on Main Street. The focus is to develop a plan to join CPCNH.

Discussion ensued about community members' possible objections:
raised prices (must be equal or better than what is available from utilities)
choice ?? Further discussion about possibilities of locally generated energy such as Baltic Mill.

Municipal Buildings Charlie reported the solar array installation is complete on the Salt Shed at DPW. It is expected to be online soon. The energy audit of the Union Street Fire Station has been

conducted. Report is expected soon. Whitney Hall had an energy audit conducted several years ago. Charlie will share at an upcoming meeting.

Window Dressers Program will be happening this summer in Hanover and Norwich. They are looking for volunteers. Charlie explained COVER in Whiter River Junction previously conducted DIY trainings on creating these. Jo-Ellen will inquire if they are currently doing so.

Other

*Can the Town building code become NET ZERO? This is a topic for the Planning Board. We can provide input to the current Master Plan as it is being developed.

*Can we become a Ready for 100% community?

As we educate the community about Community Power we will have opportunity to increase residents' interest about renewable energy. There seems to be a steep learning curve to get to agreement for Ready for 100%. We have limited volunteers to

Meeting adjourned 6:48PM

Respectively submitted,
Jo-Ellen Courtney