

## **Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 22, 2022**

Meeting called to order, 6:05pm

**Present:** Jo-Ellen Courtney, Gary Hutchins, Kim Quirk, Marta Ceroni **Absent:** Charlie Clark, Wendell Smith

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 25 approved unanimously

### **Community Power**

Kim reported on the final public hearing held on February 15 which was similar to the earlier ones. Only two new people showed up. Kim is working on a possible 2-3 minutes overview to explain the Warrant Article at Town Meeting on April 30.

Marta is working on the one-page handout for Town Meeting. We like the half page format and visuals. Draft will be finalized at our next meeting on March 22.

If any member is going to a Selectboard meeting and wants to represent the Energy Committee, they should first discuss it at an energy committee or at least speak with the chair ahead of time.

### **Net-Zero Building Discussion**

Gary recommends that the Energy Committee get behind a formal statement that we want our Selectboard to require all new municipal buildings or renovations meet net-zero ready standards.

Gary also recommends that we make a statement that all new municipal vehicles be electric, and we work on electrify everything perspective.

We know that some of the arguments will be that costs to build will be higher, even though operating costs will be much lower. It is very difficult to get people to agree to pay a little more up front. The best way to move forward might be to help support a grass roots warrant article, perhaps starting now for next year's town meeting.

There might still be a way to get some info into the Master Plan (maybe too late) as well as the zoning or planning rules.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Quirk