

Enfield Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2022

Meeting called to order: 6:00pm

Attending in person: Jo-Ellen Courtney (chair), Gary Hutchins, Kim Quirk **Attending virtually:** Wendell Smith **Excused:** Marta Ceroni **Guests:** Charlie Clark virtually

Minutes from April 26, 2022 Motion to approve made by Kim. Seconded by Gary. Approved unanimously.

Administrative information

All meetings will be available on Microsoft Teams. Recording will happen automatically.

Jo-Ellen attended a full day training session conducted by the NH Municipal Association. When motions are made, the person who makes a motion and the person who seconds need to be identified. The chair can ask if there is any unanimous approval rather than a roll call. If there is any dissent the roll can be called.

Business, including discussion of the minutes or requested changes to minutes should not be discussed in email.

Minutes need only include decisions made.

Updates:

TOWN MEETING Our Enfield Community Power Plan passed at Town meeting on April 30th.

Both bond warrant articles for the Whitney Hall renovation and the Public Safety passed.

The MFDAC (Municipal Facilities Design Advisory Committee) will meet every two weeks – the next steps are to put together an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) or RFP (Request for Proposal). Kim is on that committee.

COMMUNITY POWER PLAN – Need to clean up Appendix J in the plan. Also, there is an amendment to the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) which will require Selectboard approval.

Jo-Ellen suggested it will be good to get on the agenda for the Selectboard to provide education/information for the new selectboard member and Town Manager, if needed. Jo-Ellen will reach out to Town Manager and Selectboard member.

Jo-Ellen is on the Membership committee for CPCNH (Community Power Coalition of NH). The amendment is based on the on-going PUC (Public Utility Commission) rule-making on community power aggregation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

Kim nominated Jo-Ellen Courtney as chair of the energy committee; Gary seconded.

Kim self-nominated as secretary; Jo-Ellen seconded.

These officers were voted in Unanimously.

We need to recruit more people for the energy committee. If you are talking to people in Enfield who might be interested in the energy committee, please invite them. We currently have one open membership spot, and could include others as Alternates.

Jo-Ellen will write up a blurb for the newsletter towards recruiting.

Gary recommended that we get 10-20 Green Energy Times news paper for us to distribute to Enfield town buildings (Town Hall, Police bldg., etc). Jo-Ellen knows one of the distributors of that paper and will ask if we can get a delivery to the Town Hall. We would need to re-distribute from there.

Community Solar Arrays – where can we house another large solar array? How about the SAU location where we won't be building the new safety building? Is anyone interested in doing some research for possible location – we can then put it out to bid for a PPA (power purchase agreement) rather than coming up with cash or a bond. Note that the SAU land is owned by the school district, not the town. It might be a good project, and Enfield could be involved, but it would have to go to the school board approvals.

We want to remember that in 5 years we will have the opportunity to buy out the DPW solar array – the energy committee can/should provide a reminder for the town and help make that happen.

DPW Insulation - Charlie offered to call Andrew Hatch about the rebates and finding contractors to re-insulate the DPW roof.

Charlie reports that this May 2022 has been the most power output in our year long history. Until this month, last August was the max at 10.479 MWh.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm.