

Enfield Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2022

Attendance: Jo-Ellen Courtney (chair), Kim Quirk, Gary Hutchins, Marta Ceroni (arrived 6:10)
Excused: Wendell Smith Guest: Ed Morris (Town Manager)

Calling meeting to order, 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes from 5/24/22 – approved unanimously

Green Energy Times: Jo-Ellen will get copies; Gary offered to distribute these to various Town offices and Town Hall. Ed Morris also offered to distribute at and through the Town office.

Community Power Plan

There will be a few changes to both the JPA and the Enfield Community Power plan that will need to go before the Selectboard.

Ed told us that Claremont was, and still is, interested in CPCNH. He was involved in these discussions when he was there.

Municipal Buildings

Charlie had spoken with Andrew Hatch about the insulation of DPW. It sounds like this has to wait for when we schedule a new roof.

Energy audit at the Fire Station is no longer relevant since we passed the bond for the new Fire/Safety building.

Today's Municipal Facilities meeting focused on Fire and Police space needs and future code requirements. Ed reported that we have locked in the Mascoma Bank rate at 3.1%, which was really important. The project is at the Request For Qualifications stage, which should go out for this week.

Shed Street site is getting undergoing environmental testing.

Solar Array

Charlie sent out an updated report about the total energy generated 83.3 MWh, which is great for a 60kW solar array!

We need to write a warrant article for 2023 to re-adopt warrant article of the 2007, at some point the state law was changed and we (Enfield) need to re-adopt the new version of this article in order to ensure any solar arrays on municipal buildings will not be taxed. This should be something the energy committee can track and if need can assist with.

Master Plan

Consultants are completing the final draft in the next month or so.

Electric Vehicles

Gary would like us to make a commitment to EV Chargers and vehicles.

Chief Holland agrees that the next administrative vehicle can be electric; and that we should put EV Chargers at both new building sites (fire/safety and library/town offices.)

We should look at the grants that are coming to see if there is something we can take advantage of. There is a current grant available for EV Busses, which is being reviewed by the Mascoma Valley Regional School district.

Gary has a link for a very nice ambulance EV (Demurs EFX). Looks expensive, but really sweet.

Community Education

Electricity – rates are going up significantly by Liberty and Eversource.

We can do a blurb on the Town newsletter, and the listserv about electricity savings. Raising AC temp to use a little less electricity; remind people that new construction can take advantage of the better insulation. Look at weatherization; possibly doing a window dressers project in the Fall. Chris Ebb is a contact of Marta's who might be willing to lead this.

Marta brought up the Carbon Cashback program that would bring money back into the pockets of people. This is not something we can do as a town...it would have to be adopted at the state level.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20.