

**Enfield Energy Committee
September 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM

Attendance: Gary Hutchins, Jo-Ellen Courtney, and Kim Quirk
Excused: Marta Ceroni **Absent:** Wendell Smith

Motion to approve the minutes from July 26 (the August meeting was canceled).
Kim moved, Gary seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

Green Energy Times - Gary and Jo-Ellen were able to deliver these to Hanover and Lebanon Coops, Etna store, Jakes, George's, Enfield pizza, Hanover and Enfield Town Halls, Molly's, and Etna Post office.

They agreed to continue distributing these papers which are published every two months- thank you, Gary and Jo-Ellen.

Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee has started working with Naegley and Chase who are working on getting as close to net zero as possible. Gary suggested that we talk about storage (batteries) as a large UPS for the electronic equipment (communications, computers, etc).

Community Power - Jo-Ellen provided a CPCNH summary report (attached). Some highlights: CPCNH is in negotiations with service partners for purchasing power, creating risk management policies, providing backend customer services and front end marketing/education to all the interested communities.

Jo-Ellen and Kim went to the Selectboard on September 6 to get approvals for minor updates to the Enfield Community Power Plan and the Joint Powers Agreement. With that approval, we have submitted the plan to the PUC and the Utilities so that the utilities will supply CPCNH with all the load data in preparation for buying energy on the wholesale market.

Lebanon's Community Power Plan was just approved by the PUC.

The Community Power Coalition of NH is next working on hiring a CEO, educational materials to educate the public, and start working on the rates that can be offered to all the towns.

When we see something in the Valley News about the Coalition we can post a note on the listserv.

We should put educational snippets in the newsletter and on the listserve. Gary suggested that we put a note in the town newsletter as to where people can get a copy of the Green Energy Times as one piece of news.

Master Plan – The master plan will be distributed soon. The next phase will include supplemental topics including Energy. We need to be thinking of ways to include public input and get more participation from the community.

DPW solar - Charlie sent info about the solar array...Liberty bills are now correct in that excess solar credits are now showing up on the Pump station at Lovejoy Brook.

The highest Liberty bill this year was \$149 in a month - before solar it was over \$2000.

Solar Tax Waiver/Exception - We have a solar array owner in Enfield who just started getting taxed on his array in 2020, where he wasn't taxed in previous years and thought the array was exempt under a ruling that Enfield adopted many years ago. Lee Oxenham (Rep, Plainfield), is working on getting the information out if there is a misunderstanding of how to apply the change in the statute that occurred in 2019.

Inflation Reduction Act – Clean Energy NH is putting on webinars to help us all understand the specifics of the IRA: solar, EV, and energy efficiency incentives that are coming with the bill. Jo-Ellen attended the first one on EVs which was today. Specifics regarding EVs include final assembly of vehicle has to be in the US; battery minerals must come from designated countries; there are income limitations for receiving EV incentives. Tax credits are available this year until December 31, 2022. Next year, it will credit on the hood. There will be an incentive for second hand sales as well.

Clean Energy NH's next webinar will be on Oct 20 at Noon on solar. Go to their website to sign up: cenh.org

EVs for Enfield - Gary is suggesting if we need an ambulance that we should be looking at an electric ambulance.

Jo-Ellen attended the New London EV Expo last weekend. There are quite a good number of vehicles to choose from compared to the last few years. There were lots of questions about chargers, and there were no handouts. This might be good info for the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clean Energy Local Energy Solutions - October 14. As a municipal member we receive two complimentary tickets.
- Window Dressers - they would like us to volunteer before we run our own. Hanover/Norwich are looking for volunteers for their program held between Oct 13-19. Hartland is doing on Nov 3-10.
- Plainfield Cornish Energy Committees hosting a Zoom meeting Oct 27 - on EV chargers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16.