

**Enfield Energy Committee
October 25, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM

Attendance: Gary Hutchins, Jo-Ellen Courtney, Marta Ceroni, Wendell Smith (arrived at 6:20)
Excused: Kim Quirk

Motion to approve the minutes from September 27
Jo-Ellen moved, Gary seconded. Approved with one abstention.

Green Energy Times – Gary will continue to distribute these papers which are published every two months at the following locations: Hanover and Lebanon Coops, Etna store, Jakes, George's, Enfield pizza, Hanover and Enfield Town Halls, Molly's, and Etna Post office (will not distribute at Dartmouth Hitchcock) - thank you, Gary.

Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee No report.

Community Power - Jo-Ellen provided a CPCNH summary report from September 23, 2022 (attached). Some highlights: There are by now 22 members of CPCNH (we are growing!) which might trigger shifts in governance. In fact, at the annual meeting in April the board membership will shift due to numbers of members.

The PUC has issued rules in mid-October, which, among other things requires that CPCNH committees notify the PUC about their existence. Marta, Jo-Ellen, and Kim Quirk are confirmed members of that committee. The Enfield's Town logo will become the Enfield Community Power logo.

We need to put educational snippets in the newsletter and on the listserv. 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.

DPW solar – Looking at a full year worth of data, it is very obvious that the solar array is a great success, providing significant savings to the town of Enfield at a time of skyrocketing costs of electricity. These savings are particularly important as the solar array has not costed any money to the Town. This raised questions from Committee members regarding the possibility of expanding solar generation on Town's property. In addition, a conversation ensued on the connection between water usage and electricity usage. When residents limit their use of water, the pump works less, resulting in fewer electricity costs. Jo-Ellen will craft a note on the DPW success story of DPW and the connection between water use and electricity cost for the November newsletter.

- **Electric Vehicles** – Plainfield Cornish Energy Committees hosting a Zoom meeting Oct 27 - on EV chargers.

Other matters

Gary suggested that it could be interesting to learn about building codes for new homes and how they are changing to meet the needs of energy efficiency. The Committee discussed inviting the Building Inspector to give a presentation, which could be attended by Committee members, Selectboard and interested members of the community. No decision was made.

Wendell expressed enthusiasm for Clean Energy New Hampshire's Local Energy Solutions conference held on October 14. In the future our Committee has an opportunity to share what we are learning through participation in the CPCNH, municipal solar array, and possibly more.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.