Enfield Energy Committee February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:14pm

Attending: In person: Jo-Ellen Courtney, Gary Hutchins, Wendell Smith Virtual: Kim Quirk, Marta Ceroni Guest: Charlie Clark (virtual)

Minutes from Nov 22, 2022 Kim moved to approve the minutes; Marta seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

Community Power Update

This week we expect all contracts to be finalized allowing power to be procured for all residents of the ten communities who are ready to launch. Within a few days of that the rates will be set and letters will go out to all Enfield residents to explain the program, rate information, and the date for a public information session.

Public Information Session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 at the Community Building. We may need to move it based on pending contract negotiations. Our Town manager suggested that we also have online session because the Community building does not have good acoustics. Wendell moved that Jo-Ellen and Kim set the meeting schedule as needed.

Promotional materials are expected to arrive at the Town Office soon. These will include: a large banner, posters and postcard size handouts. We would like assistance getting materials out. Ed will have the banner placed on Route 4A and the electronic sign on Route 4 can post a message.

Here is the new url: Enfield.communitypowernh.gov

We plan to have a table at the deliberative session at Town Meeting on March 18. Charlie Clark offered to get a table to the school for March 18, 8:30. Marta and Jo-Ellen will help staff the table. Kim will provide a short presentation.

Wendell offered to take a few posters and handouts to the Route 4A side of town - the Shaker Museum, Proctors, Union Church, Shaker Farm B&B.

Marta will take on posters for food places - Jakes, George's, Enfield house of Pizza, Ziggy's, the Family Dollar store, Baited Hook.

Gary will take some posters to the same locations as the Green Energy Times, transfer station, Town hall, library, DPW.

The decision to Go/No Go will be made by each member community on Friday March 3 at the meeting of CPCNH Risk Management and Finance Committees. Soon after the rates will be determined. Once the rates are approved for launch, then the mailing is sent to all Enfield residents.

Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee The proposed new public safety building is over budget by 20%. The committee is trying to save as much as possible of the insulation, air sealing, and prep ready for net zero.

Master Plan The next phase of the Enfield Master Plan will include a focus on Energy. We need to have a representative from this committee to be part of this. MOTION: Wendell moved that Gary Hutchins represent the Energy Committee on the next phase of the Master Plan. Kim seconded. Unanimous agreement.

Future Topics

Gary would like the Energy Committee to help our residents and municipality to push for enforcement of stricter building codes and efficiency.

Marta would like the Energy Committee to figure out how to leverage the IRA incentives to help Enfield. There is a strong focus for communities and underserved communities. Marta took the action item to distill the info in the IRA and provide some ideas for what we can do as a committee.

Wendell has offered to volunteer his time, expertise in future energy related projects.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consensus at 7:15 PM