

**Enfield Energy Committee
August 22, 2023
Draft Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Attending: Kim Quirk, Jo-Ellen Courtney, Marta Ceroni, Tracy Young, Paul Morrison

Virtual: Wendell Smith

Guests: Charlie Clark

Welcome to Paul Morrison as regular voting member of the Enfield Energy Committee. The term expires on May 1, 2024.

Minutes Approval

MOTION: *Kim moved to approve the minutes from July 25th. Jo-Ellen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

ENERGY COMMITTEE 2024 BUDGET

MOTION: *Marta moved that we request \$2000 from the Town budget to cover the costs of Committee Projects. Jo-Ellen seconded. Unanimously approved.*

In 2022 the Energy Committee was allocated \$2000. Of that amount, so far \$250 have been spent on the Clean Energy NH membership. This provides two registrations to the annual Local Energy Solutions conference as well as resources to several document templates and expertise to help with Energy Committee projects. The general sentiment from the Energy Committee members was to request \$2,000 to cover the CENH membership and support committee projects, community engagement, and communications on weatherization, community Power, and more.

ENERGY COMMITTEE 2023 BUDGET

MOTION: *Tracy moved that the Committee authorizes \$100 for a case of replacement LED light bulbs for the DPW and the Community Center. Marta seconded. Unanimously approved.*

Charlie Clark shared that \$100 would be enough to complete the replacement of all the old bulbs at DPW and provide some for the Community Building. Charlie will be in touch with Tracy regarding next steps.

DPW ENERGY AUDITS

Marta, Jo-Ellen, Charlie, Ed Morrison, Liam Ehrenzweig, and Jim Taylor met to discuss the DPW audit reports. Most of the simpler solutions have been already addressed at this point, but the

result of the meeting was very successful in that items were identified that we can make progress on.

Jim and Liam report that it isn't financially or logistically practical to upgrade the entire envelope, but maybe just some of the offices. When the roof of the building is updated that would be a good time to shore it up, insulate it and make it ready for solar. That is likely to be a long way off (the roof is in good shape).

Charlie reported that the most promising project in the short term might be to insulate between the outside walls and inside walls of just the office spaces (not the whole envelope). An insulation contractor will provide an estimate for the scope of this work.

Jo-Ellen in the meantime has contacted Andrew Hatch to see if there are any more NH Saves money available. She is still waiting to hear from him.

Marta has contacted Alisa Bonnette for an update on the funding available for DPW energy work. Alisa reported that "The 2021 Town Meeting approved \$133,793 in DPW building improvements including the roof extension, block wall repair, exhaust system and additional insulation. Funding was authorized from the Municipal Facilities CRF and borrowing to be paid by CIP CRF. Because this was authorized borrowing and use of CRF we still have the full funding available except for the completed portion of the project which we are deducting." The balance available for spending is \$126,740.

COMMUNITY POWER

Jo-Ellen reported that CPCNH has now 37 members, 12 are receiving community power now with two more towns ready to start this fall. Many other towns will be coming on board next spring.

Kim reported that the Coalition has hit the milestone of being cash flow positive after only 4 months of launching services.

CPCNH will soon be providing regular reports to all Towns to include that town's savings, how many customers have opted up or out of the program, what reserves are available for that town, and other information that can be shared with the whole town.

Tracy noted that the new Emergency Services building will have 3phase power and might be a good place to consider a solar array which can benefit the Town.

Tracy asked if the Enfield Village School and SAU (both in Enfield) are on Community Power. The question prompted more work to obtain publicly available electric bills, or any missing bills from our town.

ACTION ITEMS

- Jo-Ellen and Marta will attend a follow up meeting on DPW insulation work on September 18.
- Kim will contact EVA for the Business directory.
- Jo-Ellen will contact Liberty about the EVS bill and the missing DPW bill (Nov).

Adjourned at 7:07 pm.