

Enfield Energy Committee
July 25, 2023
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

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

Excused: Wendell Smith

Guests: Andrew Hatch, RBG (Resilient Buildings Group)

Andrew is from Resilient Buildings Group, an energy consulting company, and has been involved in the energy audits of DPW and the Fire stations in Enfield through the Liberty NHSaves program. RBG recently began a contract with CPCNH (Community Power Coalition of NH) and Andrew will be a liaison between member communities and CPCNH to help encourage larger load customers to opt in to Community Power and to opt up to Clean 50 or Clean 100. He resides in the town of Washington.

Minutes Approval

Marta found a spelling error in the minutes - Alisa's last name was spelled incorrectly.

MOTION: Kim moved to approve the minutes from June 27th with the spelling error correction. Jo-Ellen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

DPW Energy Audits. Marta reached out to Ed Morris to prompt a conversation on next steps for energy saving work at DPW. Ed is ready to meet for a discussion that should include Ed and Jim Taylor as well as members of the energy committee. We should all review the audits and come up with what we think will be the best use of the \$135,000 that was allocated to address these issues.

Andrew provided some history from his involvement with these audits between 2019 and 2022. The DPW presents considerable challenges to bringing the building envelope up to a higher standard, but there are certainly things that can be done and there might be the possibility to apply for NHSaves funds to support some of this work. Any costs cited in the audits would have to be brought up to today's dollars.

ACTION: JoEllen will resend out the audits to the energy committee for our review.

ACTION: Marta will set up a meeting time with Jim and Ed and provide that information to the committee.

ACTION: Kim will ask Charlie Clark if he would like to attend since he was involved with these energy audits from the beginning.

School district energy manager. Tracy reached out to the Mascoma School District to see if there is anything the energy committee can do to help with their awarded (\$100,000) to 'hire and establish' an energy management program. Tracy will keep us informed as to what he hears back.

DPW Solar Savings. Kim contacted Charlie Clark to get details about the solar production and then spent a few hours reviewing electric bills to match up dollars and savings. The Liberty bills went through a couple of revisions over the last year with errors they needed to correct, so this is not a straightforward process. It will take a few more sessions at Town Hall reviewing bills.

UPDATES

Community Power

There is a board meeting and membership meeting this Thursday, July 27. Anyone can join via Teams. The link for this meeting and future meetings can be found at cpcnh.org.

Some Community Power members have signed up to be Ambassadors to help other communities understand the process to join. Jo-Ellen is one of these Ambassadors and has already participated in an informational event in Lyme to help answer questions. If you hear of other communities with questions send them to Jo-Ellen. Community Power has contracted with bFresh for public relations and with Resilient Buildings Group (Andrew's company) to help encourage larger load buildings to join Community Power and to opt up to cleaner energy.

We briefly discussed ways that we might help Andrew in his new role to know who the larger load customers are in the Enfield, like the Museum, La Salette, Keene Medical Products. Kim mentioned that EVA (Enfield Village Association) has a business directory with about 120 businesses listed in Enfield. There was a question as to whether EVA might be willing to send out a note to its business contacts about Community Power.

ACTION: Kim will work with EVA to see if they would be willing to send out a note to their business mailing list to describe how to check their electric bill and make sure they were moved to Community Power (unless they have a competitive energy source); and a note about opting up to cleaner energy.

ACTION: Jo-Ellen will supply the next blurb for the Enfield Newsletter - it will repeat Community Power and provide hints on reducing energy use. She will add an image of her electric bill (name/address redacted) to show where it will say you are on "Community Power".

Adjourned at 7:12pm