

Town of Canterbury, NH
Energy Committee
Date: June 26, 2023
Location: Elkins Library

Members Present:

Jeff Beltramo, Ruth Heath, Claudia Leidinger (left 8:04), Howard Moffett (arrived 7:30), Fred Portnoy

Others Present:

Kent Ruesswick (Board of Selectmen representative) (arrived 7:53)

Lenore Howe (CCPC representative) (arrived 7:30)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 - a. Time: 7:05 p.m.
 - b. Ruth Heath appointed as voting member due to multiple absences.
2. Previous Minutes
 - a. Going forward we will have drafts in PDF form with line numbers. Edits will be sent to Secretary via email. No line numbers on the final copy.
 - b. Claudia moved to approve previous minutes, Jeff seconded, all approved
3. Green Your Fleet at New Hampshire Motor Speedway
 - a. Jeff attended the event.
 - b. He received information about electric vehicle (EV) police cruisers and firetrucks. Gave flyer to Kent to give to Police Chief Labrecque and Fire Chief Gamache.
 - c. Learned about EV Charging stations. We were considering getting a Level 3 charger (capable of charging one car in about 30 minutes) for the center of town, but discovered that a Level 3 charger requires 30 kW. This would incur a significant spike charge. Potentially \$11 per kW per hour. If we were to pursue this, the cost would likely need to be covered by the end user.
 - d. Another consideration for such a charging station would be a lack of cell service in the center of town. Most charging stations have you pay with an app, but we couldn't do that without providing an internet connection.
4. Municipal Solar Request for Proposal (RFP) Status
 - a. Jeff sent out RFP to [Dana Nute](#) of [Resilient Building Group](#), he said this is not their wheelhouse.
 - b. Jeff then connected to Beth San Soucie (Deputy Director at [Clean Energy New Hampshire](#)) she recommended using their [Energy Circuit Rider Program](#) which would provide us with an expert who could guide us through the process of getting federal grants to use for clean energy projects. The problem is that they are not yet state-wide, and Canterbury is not in one of their current regions.
 - c. Ruth had reached out to Chris Skoglund (Director of Energy Transition at Clean Energy New Hampshire) who might be able to get us in touch with a Circuit Rider even though we aren't in their official region.
 - d. Jeff and Ruth will follow up with Beth San Soucie and Chris Skoglund to try and get in contact with a Circuit Rider.
5. Window Dressers update
 - a. This topic was first discussed in 2023-05-08 meeting. [Window Dressers](#) is a non-profit organization that helps communities create custom built interior storm windows. More details available in previous minutes.

- b. New details: The windows created are lighter than glass, can be repaired easily, and are expected to last 5-10 years. The event itself is 5-7 days, each day divided into 2 shifts with a lunch for all shift participants between, about 12 people per shift. The organization commits to doing 25-30% of the inserts free for those who can't afford them. Measurements are taken 2-3 months ahead of the event. The company cuts all the pieces ahead of time and brings them to the event for assembly.
 - c. Ruth told them we are interested and received a document detailing how to organize the event.
 - d. Volunteer needs: assembling during the event, measuring before the event, marketing, fundraising, a shift manager, someone to organize lunch each day. Need a leadership team of 4-10 people.
 - e. One person has to attend another build beforehand to learn the process. There are three events scheduled in NH this Fall that our representative could attend.
 - f. They may be opening up Jan, Feb, March builds in 2024. They haven't done this before because of the potential for winter storms. If we wanted to participate, we would need to start organizing this summer.
 - g. Ruth will start looking for volunteers to organize the event. She will also see if Canterbury United Community Church wants to help organize and sponsor it.
 - h. Ruth moves that the Energy Committee sponsor this event and organize the leadership team, Kent seconds, all approve
6. EV Petting Zoo
- a. Claudia and Beth aren't here to report.
 - b. Jeff will email them for an update. Beth will set a date and begin planning.
7. Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC) Update
- a. Every six months there is a new utility auction period and the rates for electricity are reset by power companies (both commercial and community power). August 1, 2023 is the next date that rates will change. The CCPC needs to give residents 30 days advance written notice of rate changes. Therefore, the CCPC must send out rate change notices by July 2nd.
 - b. Due to a one time scheduling issue, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) will be setting their rates on Friday June 30th. We know that Eversource's new default energy rate will be 12.6 cents per kWh, and Unitil will be 12.25 cents per kWh. CCPC anticipates CPCNH will set a lower rate than either for the Granite Basic plan. The Board of Selectmen approved in their June 19th meeting to keep the Granite Basic plan as the default for Canterbury Community Power.
 - c. CCPC discussed organizing a meeting in the Fall with the Energy Committee and Planning Board.
 - d. CCPC wants to apply to NH Municipal Association's new [Federal Funding Opportunities & Coaching & Technical Assistance Pilot Program for Smaller Towns](#). This program will have the town work with a coach to pick a project and learn how to do it as a town.
8. Adjournment
- a. Time: 8:43 p.m.
 - b. Kent moved to approve, Jeff seconded, all approved

Action Items:

- 1. **Jeff** will email Claudia and Beth for an update on the EV petting zoo.
- 2. **Beth** will set a date and begin planning the EV petting zoo.
- 3. **Jeff** and **Ruth** will follow up with Beth San Soucie and Chris Skoglund to try and get in contact with a Circuit Rider.
- 4. **Kent** will give EV information to Police Chief Labrecque and Fire Chief Gamache.

5. **Ruth** will start looking for volunteers to organize Window Dressers event.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Elkins Library

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Secretary