

Town of Canterbury, NH
Energy Committee
Date: 2023 September 11
Location: Elkins Library

Members Present:

Jeff Beltramo (Chair), Howard Moffett, Fred Portnoy, Claudia Leidinger, Ruth Heath (Alternate)

1. Administration

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- b. Ruth Heath was appointed a voting member due to Beth McGuinn's absence.
- c. Previous Minutes Approval
 - i. Changes:
 1. Section 5: Change "applied for three projects to be funded by NH Municipal Association" to "applied to the NHMA for assistance in applying for federal funds for three projects"
 - ii. Howard made a motion to approve the public minutes as amended for the Energy Committee meeting on August 14th, 2023. Fred seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

2. CCPC Update from Howard

- a. ADG Meeting
 - i. See Energy Committee Minutes 8/14/2023 Section 5. for previous discussion.
 - ii. Lenore, Kent, and Howard met with ADG representative and got some helpful advice about drafting applications for federal funding.
 - iii. The Board of Selectmen have indicated that of the three projects that CCPC had applied for (solar arrays, electrifying town fleet, conservation easement) they liked the fleet project the most. However, ADG indicated that we wouldn't need to limit ourselves to one thing.
 - iv. Lenore is going to continue to work with the ADG rep to identify potential sources of federal funding for at least the first two projects, but potentially also the third if they happen to see a funding source that would apply.
- b. Community Power Update
 - i. See Energy Committee Minutes 6/26/2023 Section 7. for previous discussion.
 - ii. Net metering still isn't settled. Latest word is that the issue may require an intervention from the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC).
 - iii. Currently in the second period of utility rates for 2023. The rate we got is the lowest in the State at 10.9 cents per kWh. The savings increased for this period and the bills coming out in September should start showing that.

3. Solar Array Inverter Problem

- a. See Energy Committee Minutes 8/14/2023 Section 2. for previous discussion.
- b. One of the inverters on the Town Center solar array is reporting that is it using power rather than generating power. Our hypothesis is that it is working fine, just reporting incorrectly.
- c. Fred contacted several solar installation and repair companies, but none of them are willing to do the repairs for this.
- d. Perhaps we could get a retired electrician to take a look and identify the exact solution well enough that a solar company or licensed electrician would be comfortable doing the fix.
- e. Jeff will ask Bob Drew. Fred will ask Jim Snyder.
- f. There is also another panel that isn't producing at full capacity so maybe will have them take a look at that too.

4. EV Petting Zoo

- a. See Energy Committee Minutes 8/14/2023 Section 6. for previous discussion.
- b. Finalized date for the event is September 27th 4 to 6 p.m. This coincides with the last outdoor Farmers Market of the year.
- c. Remaining to-do items:
 - i. Contact car owners and get commitments to volunteer
 - ii. Advertise the event in the Town Email
 - iii. Get permission from the Town to use the grassy area in front of the Center Cemetery
 - iv. Find out if a police officer is needed/available and if they can bring one of the hybrid cruisers
 - v. Redo flyer from last year and post
 - vi. Register with the [National Drive Electric Week](#).
- d. There were 8 cars last year and that felt reasonable. 12 would be too much for the space.
- e. Will set up flags the day of so cars know where to park. They should be 8ft back from the curb to allow for passing if someone needs to leave early.
- f. Ruth, Beth, Fred, and possibly Jeff will be able to attend.
5. Window Dressers
 - a. See Energy Committee Minutes 8/14/2023 Section 7. for previous discussion.
 - b. Sign up is now open to take shifts at the Fall events.
 - c. Ruth, Claudia, and Jeff will coordinate signup so they can get shifts together.
6. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Action Items:

1. **Jeff** will contact Ken Folsom about the EV Petting Zoo location and police involvement.
2. **Jeff** will contact Beth and see if she can redo the old EV flyer.
3. **Claudia** will make signs for EV Petting Zoo.
4. **Fred** will register the EV Petting Zoo with National Drive Electric Week.
5. **Ruth** will contact potential car owner volunteers for EV Petting Zoo.
6. **Jeff** will post EV Petting Zoo on Facebook and send a request to the Town Email.
7. **Ruth, Claudia, and Jeff** will sign up for Window Dressers Fall event.
8. **Jeff** will contact Bob Drew about Center solar array.
9. **Fred** will contact Jim Snyder about Center solar array.

Next Meeting: 2023 October 2, 7:00 p.m. at Elkins Library

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Secretary