

Energy Committee Meeting

October 3, 2022

Members present: Howard Moffett, Fred Portnoy, Jeff Beltramo, Claudia Leidinger, Ruth Heath (alternate). Sandy Hodsdon and Beth McGwinn were unable to attend. Kent Ruesswick was the selectboard rep. Ruth Heath was appointed a voting member due to Beth and Sandy's absences. John Schneider was a special guest who was interested in community power.

The meeting began at 7:03 PM in the library meeting room.

Our agenda included:

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
2. Beth and Claudia's RFP proposal for LED lighting for the municipal building.
3. Budget for 2023 which is due November 1st
4. Community Power Update
5. LES Conference attendees

Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Kent shared with the committee the need for all minutes and agendas to be posted on the town website. He also felt the committee could use a secretary who was not a committee member to take notes. The hiring of a secretary was put to the committee for a vote and approved unanimously. The cost will be added to the budget

The lighting RFP was reviewed by the committee. The line concerning ballast was removed. Several members thought the guidelines were too involved and might result in no one bidding on the project. The timeline for the project is very tight if we are going to bring it to town meeting in March. Fred will investigate an engineering company working at PSU. LES conference attendees will investigate possible vendors to do the retro fit.

Budget items included:

- \$250 for membership in Clean Energy NH, which includes advice and two members to attend annual LES convention

- \$250 for programs

- \$100 for miscellaneous items including Newsletter donation

We will ask for a budget update from Jan and Mary. The secretary costs need to be added at approximately \$20 per hour. A one and a half hour meeting plus typing the minutes and submitting them might cost \$600 for the year

There were questions about the need for funds to cover Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC).

There will be a lot to do for CCPC including surveys and public hearings. Howard will talk with Henry Herndon about costs upfront or floated by the town.

Howard reported that the selectboard approved joining Community Power Coalition. Kent will be our representative and Howard will be the alternate. The selectboard will appoint people who are

recommended to be on CCPC. The CCPC will adapt a template specifically for Canterbury using a 40 page document supplied by Henry. Howard, Beth and John Schneider will be on the committee. Other people suggested are Kelly Stonebreaker and Bruce Stratton. Howard hopes that by October 17 he will be able to go to the Selectboard meeting with a list of people and have them appointed by the board. There will need to be at least 4-5 members to start. Two public hearings, one in December and one in January will follow. They will flesh out the EAP and get it to the Selectboard for town meeting in March. Rates could be in effect next spring with a small savings but the savings will increase. There will be a maximum of a 1 to 2 year contract.

Finally the LES conference will be attended by Beth and Jeff. Ruth and Fred may attend some of the workshops. A motion was made to buy another ticket to the conference which was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. Our next meeting will be November 7th.

Respectfully submitted, by Claudia Leidinger, Secretary.