

Town of Canterbury, NH
Energy Committee
Date: August 14, 2023
Location: Elkins Library

Members present: Howard Moffett, Fred Portnoy, Jeff Beltramo, Beth McGuinn, Kent Ruesswick (selectboard rep), Ruth Heath (alternate). Claudia Leidinger was unable to attend.

Ruth Heath was appointed a voting member due to Claudia's absence.

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

1. Ruth moved we accept the July minutes. Seconded by Howard. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
2. Fred reported that one of the inverters on the Town Center solar array has been malfunctioning (or at least reporting it was not working). The company that manufactures the inverter is no longer in business and there is no support for it. We agreed that we want to bring in a professional who can provide maintenance and has broad experience with older inverters. Fred will get names of 3 different companies – Revision, VH Energy, and Granite State to find out their experience and costs for maintenance and give this information to Kent who will bring that info to Ken Folsom for action.
3. Ken reported people are changing the thermostat for the new mini splits in the Meetinghouse. We recommend that it be set at 75 in summer and 68 in winter. And that if the thermostat is Wi-Fi enabled, an app can be loaded onto phones that will check and change the thermostat settings.
4. Municipal Solar Project. Clean Energy NH was contacted about the circuit rider program to see if it could help define Municipal Solar Project. Unfortunately, the circuit rider program has not been established in central NH yet. Project is temporarily on hold until we can find help in defining the project. Work with NH Municipal Association may be a potential. See next discussion item.
5. Lenore Howe of Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC) has applied to the NHMA for assistance in applying for federal funds for three projects: electrifying the municipal fleet; a municipal solar array; electric vehicle charging stations. They replied that we have been awarded money to consult with ADG about the 3rd project. Kent, Howard, and Lenore will meet and consult with ADG rep on how to draft applications under IRA or Infrastructure Act.
6. EV Petting Zoo: Jeff suggested we hold the Petting Zoo day on the same day as the Church Community Event Day on September 23 from 3-5pm. It was decided to again hold it on Wednesday Sept 27 during Farmers Market from 4-6pm. Kent will ask the selectboard for permission to use the area next to the cemetery. Jeff will submit the announcement to the town newsletter by Aug 16. Beth will make the flyer. Claudia will also work on this and Ruth will upload her entire 2020 Petting Zoo folder to our Google drive.
7. Ruth reported on the meeting she and Claudia had with Window Dressers people about timing for our event. They offered a Feb date, but Claudia and Ruth felt that we should plan a

Fall 2024 date for several reasons. The two of them will lead the core team and reach out to other groups. Kersarge is hosting an event the week of November 5 thru the 10th, and we would like to send a few town representatives to observe the event first-hand. We will talk more about this next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15. Our next meeting will be September 11th to avoid Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted, by Ruth Heath, acting secretary