

Town of Canterbury, NH
Energy Committee
Date: 2023 October 2
Location: Elkins Library

Members Present:

Jeff Beltramo (Chair), Fred Portnoy, Beth McGuinn, Claudia Leidinger, Ruth Heath (Alternate), Kent Ruesswick (Selectboard Representative)

1. Administration
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
 - b. Ruth Heath was appointed a voting member due to Howard Moffett's absence.
 - c. Previous Minutes Approval
 - i. Changes:
 1. Line 51 Section 4.b. change "3 to 5" to "4 to 6".
 - ii. Kent made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the Energy Committee meeting on September 11th, 2023. Claudia seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried. Beth abstained due to absence at that meeting.
2. EV Petting Zoo Report
 - a. See Energy Committee Minutes 9/11/2023 Section 4. for previous discussion.
 - b. Ruth wrote up and sent out a summary to the committee. There was a good turnout: seven cars, 15+ people.
 - c. Beth will write up a public thanks to participants for the Town Email and Newsletter.
3. Windows Dressers
 - a. See Energy Committee Minutes 9/11/2023 Section 5. for previous discussion.
 - b. Ruth and Claudia signed up for a shift together at an event on 11/13/23. The event is for multiple towns and the organizers know Ruth and Claudia are attending to learn how to host an event.
 - c. Claudia is going to take the lead on this project.
 - d. May want to involve CUCC's new environmental group, and the Energy Committees from other towns (e.g. Belmont, Loudon, Boscawen).
 - e. Would like to try to do some recruiting for this at the Town Meeting.
4. [Clean Energy NH](#) Membership
 - a. Membership is up for renewal. It costs \$250 and was already budgeted for in item 4351.1.
 - b. Committee is in agreement to renew. Jeff will renew the membership.
5. Education Opportunities
 - a. [Solar Funding for Churches Workshop](#) from NHIPL, October 14th
 - i. Will focus on how non-profits can get funding for solar and geothermal projects.
 - b. [Local Energy Solutions Conference](#) from Clean Energy NH, Nov 2nd
 - i. The Committee gets two free tickets with Clean Energy NH membership.
 - ii. Jeff will coordinate over email to find out who can go.
6. Solar Array Inverter Problem
 - a. See Energy Committee Minutes 9/11/2023 Section 3. for previous discussion.
 - b. Fred got interest from Jim Snyder about discussing the issue with Ken Folsom. Not sure if anything more happened. Waiting to hear back from Ken.
 - c. Jeff talked with Bob Drew, but personal issue may prevent his participation.
 - d. Kent will talk to Ken about this.
 - e. Revision might be able to give us a quote for replacing the inverter.
7. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Action Items:

1. **Beth** will write the message for the Town Email and Newsletter about the EV Petting Zoo.
2. **Jeff** will renew Clean Energy NH membership.
3. **Jeff** will coordinate over email for LES Conference attendance.
4. **Kent** will talk to Ken Folsom about discussing solar inverters with Jim Snyder.
5. **Ruth** will correct meeting schedule in Town Newsletter.
6. **Kathleen** will put meeting schedule on the Town Website.

Next Meeting: 2023 November 6, 7:00 p.m. at Elkins Library

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Secretary