

Energy Committee Meeting

March 6, 2023

Members present: Fred Portnoy, Jeff Beltramo, Claudia Leidinger, Beth McGwinn with Sandy Hodsdon and Ruth Heath as alternates. The meeting began at 7:05PM in the Library Meeting room.

Our agenda included:

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
2. Possible Energy Committee projects

1. Sandy Hodsdon resigned from the committee after 4 years of service. She was appointed as a voting member for her final meeting. Minutes from the February meeting were then moved and approved by unanimous vote.

2. Ruth spoke about a meeting on May 20th sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light that she will be attending. Rachael Eades, a former Canterbury resident, who is now a commercial solar designer, will be speaking about how non profits can access the IRA funds for energy projects.

3. Jeff had asked the committee to generate some projects/formats that we could do to educate the community about energy usage, generation and conservation.

4. Beth would like to have another electric car show in the center of town. Everyone agreed it was a very successful event. We decided a September date to correspond with a Farmers' Market would give us time to work on the details.

5.. Fred thought an explanation of the grid and what clean energy means to the grid. Batteries, backups, bidirectional chargers as well as electric cars could all be covered. Fred is going to attend a March 28 meeting in Concord covering some of these issues.

6. Educational postings on the town web site were considered as well as information shared via the town email, Canterbury Facebook page, and Canterbury newsletter. The town website was felt to be perhaps the least efficient way to convey information about our committee's projects. Not only posting information but links to information.

7. An example of how to make window inserts, a project sponsored by a NH energy group, was given as an example of something we could do.

8. Clean Energy NH had a great graphic on its website about energy conservation. Fred will make copies of the "game board" to distribute at Town Meeting Friday March 17. Claudia and Ruth will work on publicizing energy facts monthly by either town email or newsletter.

9. NHPR is sponsoring an April 13 Climate event through their By Degrees project which anyone can register for. There are tickets available online and anyone can view remotely on the NHPR YouTube channel.

We will all attend Town Meeting Friday 17 to show our support for community power.

Our next meeting will be April 3 at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

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Respectfully submitted, by Claudia Leidinger, Secretary.