

1 Town of Canterbury, NH  
2 Energy Committee  
3 Date: 2023 May 8  
4 Location: Elkins Library  
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6 Members Present:  
7 Jeff Beltramo, Ruth Heath, Claudia Leidinger, Fred Portnoy  
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9 Others Present:  
10 Kent Ruesswick (Board of Selectmen representative)  
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12 Agenda:

- 13 1. Call to Order
- 14 a. Time: 7:14
- 15 b. Ruth appointed as voting member due to multiple absences.
- 16 2. Previous Minutes
- 17 a. Two edits to be made:
- 18 i. "CCP" → CCPC
- 19 ii. Item 5 "CP Coalition" → CPC NH
- 20 b. Jeff has been keeping the minutes in draft form in a shared google drive. He will get
- 21 Kathleen access to this and they will discuss getting the final copies on the Canterbury
- 22 website.
- 23 c. Ruth moved to approve, Claudia seconded, all approved
- 24 3. Municipal Solar Proposal
- 25 a. Jeff created a draft that he would like comments and edits on. ([link](#))
- 26 b. This document is a letter to Resilient Buildings Group, Inc. to initiate creating a plan for
- 27 setting up solar array(s) to cover all electrical needs in Canterbury Municipal buildings.
- 28 c. Discussed potential locations for solar arrays.
- 29 i. Adding to current array in center of town, Municipal complex, Near the dump, Various
- 30 private properties that the town could rent space
- 31 d. Discussed potential solar installation companies
- 32 i. 603 Solar, Revision Energy, etc.
- 33 ii. Letter asks for recommendations of companies and several committee members have
- 34 other resources for finding and evaluating possibilities.
- 35 e. Discussed state/federal money that could contribute to this project
- 36 i. Letter asks for advice on what if any of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) applies to us
- 37 ii. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R.3684 IIJA) is another possibly relevant act
- 38 iii. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program may
- 39 also be helpful.
- 40 1. [https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-](https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-competitive-funding-announcement)
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- 42 2. The town of Canterbury is not eligible, but the county of Merrimack is ([page 30](#))
- 43 f. Discussed paying for the plan by RBG
- 44 i. When it comes time to pay for this, Energy Committee will make a request to Board of
- 45 Selectman.
- 46 ii. The IRA will grant us 30% off of the entire plan
- 47 iii. We should consider adding electric vehicles to the plan because the 30% off is for the
- 48 whole plan. Would need to have note on current usage that those numbers would
- 49 increase if electric vehicles were to be introduced.

- g. Jeff will coordinate making edits on the google doc
- 4. Several committee members went to presentations
  - a. Claudia went to an online presentation
    - i. Summary: Electric vehicles will not be sufficient to stop global warming. Carbon cashback would be effective in slowing the curve. Harvard created a tool that can predict how much certain changes would affect current global warming projections.
    - ii. In 2020 Canterbury agreed Article 17 to petition state for carbon cashback in NH ([page 73](#))
  - b. Fred went to presentation at UNH
    - i. It ended up being a panel Q&A. It wasn't very informative due to the format.
  - c. Ruth will be going to one by sponsored by NH Interfaith Power and Light in Wolfeboro, May 20th. Rachel Eades is presenting.
    - i. Will discuss how churches/non-profits can use the IRA 30% direct payment. This is also applicable to us as a municipality. [this was postponed til Fall]
- 5. Possible New Project: Window Dressers (<https://windowdressers.org/>)
  - a. This is a non-profit organization that helps communities create custom built interior storm windows. They train people in a town how to build these at a community event. If you want to get a window for your house, you have to attend the event (or send a proxy) to do the building. After the event you can use the skills to create more windows going forward. Builds occur in Fall and Spring.
  - b. Jeff suggested attending one of the builds that are scheduled in other NH towns so we can see what it is like.
  - c. Ruth is attending an orientation to it May 15 and will report back.
- 6. Adjournment
  - a. Time: 8:24
  - b. Jeff moved to approve, Kent seconded, all approved

Action Items:

- 1. **Jeff** and **Kathleen** will discuss logistics of minutes.
- 2. **Jeff** will coordinate making edits to the Municipal Solar Proposal. **All committee members** will add comments and make edits.

Next Meeting: 2023 June 5, 7:00 PM, Elkins Library

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Secretary