

March 7, 2024

## Energy Committee March 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Barrington, N.H. Town Hall

In attendance: Paul Panish, Jack Bingham , Rob Gibson, Cynthia Hoisington, Doug Bogen, Dan Federico, Leah Harrington (remote)

Guest: Jim Anderson

Absent: Matt Towne

Meeting Start time: 7:00 o'clock p.m.

1. Recordings of meetings now on town Youtube channel
2. Meeting minutes approved for Feb 1 and 7
3. Weatherization Project
  - a. Okay to Hand out pamphlets but to not speak on behalf of CAP program. Remember some may not qualify because of income restrictions
  - b. NH Saves program comparisons
4. Town Hall Solar Installation
  - a. Paul point of contact
  - b. Snow retention questions- will do a solar site survey separately. Proposal to be split into 2 parts.
  - c. Maintenance contract probably unnecessary. Monitoring system instead, could be posted online about how much power generated. Dollar savings would be a separate effort.
  - d. Bid update request emails- Paul responding to them- directing them to bid site which now includes Contractor
5. Community power Vote
  - a. Voting signs - don't need motion for placement. Should arrive tomorrow
    - i. Contribute personally if desired
  - b. Docket status
    - i. Submitted for wave 3 at same time as others, Barrington not approved yet but still on the list. PUC deadline 3/11
  - c. Transfer station sign up for Saturday.
  - d. Press release-
    - i. Conner took to selectboard, approved Monday. Fosters article on other voting CP but not mentioned. Doug got out Tuesday to several outlets
    - ii. Motion to approve any modifications. Approved
  - e. Social media, - a few community questions/posts/comments.
    - i. Directed to town pages and press release
6. Community Power Other
  - a. Request from CPCNH to share committee members information with them
    - i. Okay to share personal emails of committee

- b. Board meeting- Paul attended
  - i. Standard power complaint– enrolled 3 towns at higher rate than utility
  - ii. Other things moving slowly.
  - iii. Annual membership meeting in April – everyone welcome to attend.  
Date/time tbd.
- c. Wave 3 policy workshop- Paul attended
  - i. What is status of things submitted. And what's needs to be submitted to select board.
  - ii. Legal review? Next select board meeting March 18- or just share the slide deck? – leave up to Conner
  - iii. Collation policies presentation – need to present to select board?
    - 1. Financial reserves policy- specific goals- ie. build 60 day reserves within 2 years.
    - 2. Risk mgmt.
    - 3. Cost sharing.
    - 4. Need authorized officer- ie Conner?
    - 5. Discretionary reserves- will likely take years
  - iv. Will need responses back from utility commission by end of the month
  - v. Launch milestones for wave 3
    - 1. Dates for March into June.
    - 2. Public info meeting needed for May
- 7. Website updates
  - i. Video added and Community Power article added.
  - ii. Add Doug's press release
  - iii. Split Energy News page into Local and other
  - iv. Archive section – wait until after vote to take stuff down. Ask Conner/Tiffany about archive area vs just removing
  - v. Interesting energy podcast, Chris Hayes – add to web (get from Jack)
- 8. Public safety building
  - i. Warrant article for study to be done- possibility for ARPA funds?
  - ii. Paul has reached out to Chief Joy and Walker to get coordinated.
- 9. SAU planning in the works
- 10. Progress on library
  - i. Engineers in contact with Resilient group to do more analysis on options
- 11. Back building at transfer station
  - a. Highway road agent interested in for rooftop solar
    - i. Each building metered separately.
- 12. Notable items- Other news
  - a. Vineyard wind article to put on web
- 13. Energy and conservation to speak together with lands committee. For best use of town lands

Meeting Adjourned 8:27 p.m.