

December 7, 2023

Energy Committee December 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Barrington, N.H. Town Hall

In attendance: Paul Panish, Doug Bogen, Rob Gibson, Cynthia Hoisington, Leah Harrington

Matt Towne, Dan Federico

Absent: Jack Bingham

Meeting Start time: 7:05 pm

1. Paul Panish called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes approved from November 16 meeting
3. Library/Rec Update
  - a. Questioning if we will have involvement – Cynthia to reach out
4. WebSite Updates
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing presentation added
  - b. Need language for updated News on Select board approval for Community Power
5. Joint Select Board meeting review
6. Town Hall Solar Proposal
  - a. East/west discussion
  - b. Select board letter sent for initial recommendation
  - c. Committee asked to do RFP ourselves, get bids, then make recommendation
    - i. Committee made motion and voted yes to authorize Jack and Paul to collaborate on Draft
  - d. Build America/Buy America program (include in RFP)
    - i. 10% funding
7. Community Power meeting – Paul attended
  - a. If passes in March, would launch June
  - b. CP Plans to submit all second wave to PUC 2<sup>nd</sup> week January

- i. Required to respond within 60 days
  - c. Template availability
  - d. Other documents to be submitted for legal review to Select Board after Town meeting
    - i. Needs to be done by April
  - e. Over 50 towns now
  - f. How to message and advocate CP
    - i. Ask Barrington page- objective
    - ii. Barrington Connections FB group- can monitor and share with group
  - g. Warrant article drafted
- 8. Primary day
  - a. Jan 23 – opportunity to provide information- have a table
- 9. Warrant articles to be discussed with Conner
  - a. Community Power- Draft submitted already
  - b. Town hall solar
  - c. Energy committee fund- description to be updated from last year, reduce amount or remain at \$10k?
    - i. Printing, mailing, community education and public outreach
    - ii. Direct door mailing- around \$4k
    - iii. Draft started for 2024
  - d. Town plans to do short Video recording for website in advance of warrant article.
- 10. NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Community EV Charging – Locations to put them
    - i. Hold on project
    - ii. Building code update project
  - b. Weatherization/winterization fund access through Stafford County community action
    - i. 80-100% coverage- income requirements
  - c. List of projects to be created and prioritized in 2024 after Town Voting in March
- 11. Meeting Adjourned 8:42 pm