

Green / Energy Team Minute Meetings 2/27/2024

Attendees: Bill Vance, Hammond, Mimi Jost, Kimberly McGlinchey, and Katrin Kasper
Meeting called to order 3:13 pm February 27, 2024
Minutes taken by: Kimberly McGlinchey

Guest Speaker Katrin Kasper, from Clean Energy NH (CENH)

Two Options for energy

1. Community solar– large array on town property to tap into- further down the road?
2. Community power aggregation – purchasing power on the line; not necessarily 100% renewable; vendors work with the town and CENH to gain best deal for the community.

Three Vendors in NH:

1. CPCNH- Barrington, Durham, Dover, Rollinsford are using, others voting soon. - Counties are also doing this process.
2. Standard- Lee uses but having difficulties accessing due to pricing.
3. Freedom – not as active as other 2.

Reported the market is fluctuating and currently Eversource's price is down.
Need to interview all vendors

1st step is Interview process – Invite representatives to come to meeting as per our task of the select board. Select board may want to be involved with interview process. *Note: with this process individual rate payers can always opt out of community power.*

Select Board = warrant approval

Voting on concept of community power aggregation- so want to have the backup of the vendor.

Timeline for planning

- 1) Contact town to say are you interested in hearing from vendors?
- 2) Which Board meeting would you like to have vendor attend?
- 3) Select board either reviews or passes vendor presentations to committee.
- 4) Present preference and why for community and board. -November 2024 if agreed.
- 5) Two public hearings are necessary to approve (can have one during select board meetings).
- 6) On ballot by January, 2025
- 7) Completed by March 2025

Other things CENH can help with:

- Solar production in town.
- Installation of EV stations- places for EV -

Old Business

Planning for Information table at town meeting

- **Information table is confirmed for Town Meeting (8:30 am)**
- **MIMI** community power FAQ
- **Hammond** - community power articles / Poster and mission
- **Kim** – Energy savings and waste reduction, stickers

New Business

- Meeting location for Green Committee- Library or school
- Zoom link for remote guests
- Keeping a rotating and consistent date for monthly meetings (considering Wednesdays).

Upcoming Task

- 1) Find EV charging station optimal location – school or library
- 2) Check in to smart meter technology from Eversource

Next meeting date March 13 at 5:00 at Hammond's house

Meeting Adjourned 4:40 pm