

January 4, 2024

## Energy Committee January 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Barrington, N.H. Town Hall

In attendance: Paul Panish, Rob Gibson, Cynthia Hoisington, Jack Bingham, Doug Bogen, Leah Harrington, Matt Towne

Guests: Jim Anderson

Absent: Dan Federico

### OLD BUSINESS and UPDATES

Meeting Start time: 7:05 pm

1. Paul Panish called the meeting to order.
2. Reviewed minutes from Dec 7 and Dec 21 and approved
3. Web Updates- Announcement added- reviewed
  - a. Ask Tiffany for web traffic info (LH)
4. Community Power
  - a. board meeting 12/8/23
    - i. Rate announcement and explanation
    - ii. Regulatory and Legislative affairs committee updates
    - iii. 50+ towns/communities now enrolled
  - b. NH committee of energy committees. – Paul still attending meetings.
    - i. Can ask questions about ideas for reaching out to communities
  - c. Update handout- add new map (LH)
  - d. Get table at Primary vote
  - e. Rate updates as of Jan 3- update chart for CP webpage-(LH)
    - i. Monthly variable rates for small-mid companies
  - f. Few towns with private brokers and not with CPCNH, but still Community power
  - g. Press release
5. Town Hall Solar RFP sent out to 10-12 vendors
  - a. Revision responded- will do site visit Monday
  - b. Ted Vasant
  - c. Due Feb 1
  - d. John Huckins – Building inspector
6. Community power justification – for Voter Guide (aggregation plan)
  - a. Warrant language already submitted- based off template
7. Letter to Library committee Re Audit and heat pumps
  - a. 5 separate zones currently in new proposed building
  - b. Write a recommendation/suggestion to help find alternative heat sources and suggest energy audit- with goal of lowering costs. Voting in March for library bond. More robust efforts after the vote.
8. Town Report
  - a. Reviewed goals and accomplishments completed, in progress and future to be submitted
9. Community Outreach for winterization

- a. Strafford County Community Action Partnership (CAP) – they have some funding to help with door to door and distribution. Income dependent. Cynthia and Matt joining call with them
    - i. Food pantry, end 68 hours hunger
    - ii. Printing funding opportunity – for mailing and/or handouts
    - iii. Add link to weatherization application to Energy resource webpage (LH)
10. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- January 18, 7:00PM – Energy Committee Meeting