

LEE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 7, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Don Anderson, Louis Grondin, Barbara Wauchope, Erik Johnson

GUESTS: Carol Doering, Bill Humm,(Lee Residents)

Meeting starts at 12:15pm at the end of the Community Power Committee meeting.

The minutes of the 1-31-23 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Barb was told she was approved by the Town and should be listed on the committee on the web site in the near future.
2. Solar Power Initiatives:
 - a. Three members presented the concept of implementing Solar on Mast Way School during public comment at the 2/1 school board meeting and requested their support.
 - i. No actions yet defined for possible implementation.
 - b. Transfer station solar implementation was starting this week by Revision Solar and expected to take 3-4 weeks.
 - c. Regarding Solar Power Farms on Town property or private entities:
 - i. Tuckaway farm did their own solar implementation. NH Legislation held it up. MA, VT, and ME seem to allow Community Solar Arrays. **(See new business below).**
 - ii. Barb to discuss with Laurel and Chuck Cox how they implemented their array.
 - iii. Jim Banks sells power (electrical engineer) and is able to charge neighbors—we should learn how he implemented.
 - iv. **Barb and others will attend a webinar / meeting regarding Community Solar Arrays and housing in Epping on Thursday 2/16 put on by the NH Land Trust Coalition. We believe this to include the Southeast Land Trust that owns land (Tax Map 07-07-000) just south of the Lee Circle on the West side of 125.**
 - v. Regarding power lines, and the use of animal husbandry **no discussion.**
3. Regarding Marketbasket discussions it will be tabled as they do not implement solar except on new buildings.
4. Regarding energy cost savings for town buildings:
 - a. Those we don't use: The competing warrant articles for voters on 3-14-23 regarding the Parsonage building was discussed at the deliberative session. **Voters will provide information for the BOS to use—it is their decision—even if “Yes” on both articles.**
 - b. We still noted we don't have anything in front of the cracks on the doors at the PSB.
5. Regarding archiving items on the town web site—no update. **Don still has to follow up with Denise.**
6. It was felt that the Energy Handbook and Homeowner guides also need an update. **It was not decided on how best to do so.**
7. Regarding an expert on heat pumps Matt Rusteika, and the possible tree expert for education. **Who will contact?**

8. Regarding the whole house monitor there was no update, but it brought out discussion of the money available to the committee of \$500 per year when requested. There was discussion whether it could be used for the 2/16 webinar or if personal funds would be required. **Lou to follow up with the town.**
9. Barb had sent around an email on the Community Power Accelerator webinar on 2/1. **No one was able to attend at that time.**

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about our 4 State Representatives and what can we do to influence or promote them toward Energy Conservation and improvement. Erik is working with one on a personal basis at this time. He was able to inform the committee about some of the representatives: i.e. Hoy "Roger" Menear on the State / Federal Relations committee, Thomas Southworth on the Ways and Means committee. Rebecca Perkins-Kwoka is our State Senator. There was a quick discussion if the committee can have people focus on certain items in which they might personally be interested in moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Anderson