

Energy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Via Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Agenda

Roll Call - All Committee members present except Jenn Curtis

Approval of [9-28-21Meeting Minutes](#)

JB made a motion to approve, VL 2nd, AIF

Old Business

1. Review of EC website changes. Updates made to past meetings log. Solar Power page to be created as a submenu header under the EC parent header, needs to be brought up to Andrew. LED RFQ has been added.
2. [Weatherization Educational Session Agenda](#) for Nov. 17 (Yvette) 6-7pm
 - a. Progress: website has some information, including [registration link](#)
 - i. 3 people set to speak: Nancy to compile script and presenter bio's
 1. Gard Conley, Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers, home weatherization improvements
 2. Andy Meyer, Program Manager, Efficiency Maine, will talk about the benefits of weatherization and grants available to all homeowners and businesses
 3. Sam Saltonstall, Volunteer, Window Dressers, they organize homeowners and volunteers to make their own removable and reusable plastic window inserts to cut down on heat loss.
 - ii. Help needed with zoom logistics during the meeting: (VL) to help with Q&A/comments. (NC) to mc and collect presenter information
 - b. Discuss promotional campaign
 - i. (YM) Inform Times Record - need to write a press release, need info on how folks can attend: Press release needs to be sent to Andrew for approval
 - ii. (YM) Topsham Solar Advocates FB page (create an event): could we post/share to Topsham Town FB? Potential sites: CPIC (Comprehensive plan Implementation Committee), Plan Your Topsham, Town of Topsham FB (Derek S), Topsham Cares, Topsham Heights, Parks and Rec FB page (Pam), Greater Topsham Maine Happenings
 - iii. (VL) to put together a graphic/brochure for FB/WebsiteTown website/calendar* send an image/graphic to Rod and EC
 1. (NC) to share with Library
 2. (RM) to share out to Planning Dept email list.

3. (YM) to ask Rose to share out with town SB email list
 - iv. (YM) to include in October update to Select Board
 - v. (All EC members) Share Press Release/FB post with other organizations
 1. Print and post at Morning Glory, Wild Oats, Flight Deck, Dog Bar Jim, Little Dog
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3. RFQ update: will be posted 11/1, with responses due back by 12/1.
 4. Solar projects: two in for review right now with the Planning Board
 - o Hunter project going to PB 11/16, ~\$250k in mitigation fees of 20 acres.
 - o Glenvale project— Shoreland ordinance review issues and property setback issues with town and DEP.
 5. Discuss interest in changes to the solar in-lieu funds [§225-60.15\(E\)](#). Fee has to cover some cost otherwise expended by the town. Needs to be a nexus between fee and impact the fee has. Item has been tabled.
 6. EV case study review request
 - a. No update regarding outreach to Finance Director for department vehicle research.
 7. [EC Update](#) to SB postponed till November. (Yvette)
 8. Seth Berry project on power grid - "Pine Tree Power Initiative" - next education session? (NW) to spearhead

Invitation for Public Comment - none

Nick motioned to adjourn, John 2nd, AIF