

# Topsham, Maine Energy Committee

## MINUTES

4:30pm -5:35pm – February 23, 2021

Roll Call - Andrew, Nancy, John, Victor, Nick and Yvette (Jenn absent)

Minutes from last meeting accepted

### Old Business

**1. LED streetlight RFQ (Andrew)** - This will be workshopped in early April with BOS and we should be there as a committee. Clarification needed to include flexibility as to where the poles and what kinds of lights should be installed. Add-ons to the contract would include moving lamp posts, and looking at lighting in parking lots and athletic fields. Village Drive at the Highland Green entrance has a half dozen LED lights, but most are not. The spacing of the lights is closer than the LED lights within Highland Green. No lights along Monument Place - we should look into that. Brunswick and Bath were contacted to join RFQ but timing, budgets and agreement to the types of lighting , make this impractical.

**2. Sol Smart / BOS update (Andrew)** - Standards have changed and Andrew must resubmit our application soon.

**3. Update on charging station at the library (Nancy)** Susan Priest, Library Director is in favor, but the board makes the decision. CMP still has grants for a minimum of 4 chargers to go in. Run lines underground for 15-20 feet. CMP will own the chargers and the library will need to pay for the installation that is above \$4,000. Nancy to look into if they have the electrical capacity to connect this infrastructure.

Blink is willing to investigate installing four ports at the town hall and the library. Andrew to get the information together and share with the library for the costs.

**4. Update on outreach to Mt. Ararat (Nancy/Yvette)** Mt. Ararat has planned ahead for EV charging for cars. Continue conversations to learn more about opportunities for bus charging. They have been notified about the electric busses and charging stations. Nancy and Yvette will be presenting to two AP Science courses on March 1st and 3rd. They will take photos for the website.

### New Business

**1. Review of vehicle procurement policy (Andrew/John)** - We will review at the next meeting. Policy with a memo for education purposes on why we are recommending this.

**2. Energy web page input needed (Yvette)** - Victor created an FAQ and Yvette shared webpage outline. Everyone look at this over the next month and we will approve the language at the next meeting.

**3. Round robin on what projects interest people**

Yvette, Victor - revise the climate action plan

Jenn - update ordinances for a variety of energy measures

Nancy - educate homeowners on energy efficiency

Nick, Yvette- community solar info session/forum

John - EV policy for municipal departments

**4. Bowdoin college students are reviewing options in Topsham for solar as a class project in EIS.**

### Parking Lot

1. Hung the picture yet?