

Energy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Via Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Agenda

Roll Call:

Present: Members: Yvette Meunier, John Berry, Victor Langelo, Nick Whatley, Nancy Chandler,
Staff: Kate Burch and Rod Melanson.

Absent: Jared Entwistle and Jenn Curtis

Invitation for public comment

Update on LED RFQ

On February 28th most committee members attended a workshop with the select board and staff where Rod laid out a process to move forward with the LED RFQs. We were asked to score the proposals by March 10th and based on the scores companies would be selected to interview. Interviews to be pushed back into May because of budget work and the Select Board would like us to submit a formal recommendation via Planning Department as to which company(s) we would like to interview. The timing of interviews and the approval of the budget at May Meeting should not impact the ability to move forward with any of the projects as the capital budget as presented accounts for even the most expensive project. The committee moved to recommend that Affinity and Realterm be asked to interview after a thorough discussion of the rankings by committee members.

It was also determined that Victor would update the CMP analysis with updated information provided in the submittals prior to interviews. Additional questions for the companies were workshopped and added to a shared document with the Planning Department.

Update of Community Resiliency Partnership

Topsham's application to the GOPIF Resilience Partnership was accepted as documented in this [Partnership acceptance letter](#) issued 3/11/22. In addition, our grant application for 28 LED lights in the municipal lot was submitted on 3/21/22 along with accompanying letters of support from the Planning Department, Police Department, and the Energy Committee.

Education Webinar Series

It was determined that the next webinar series titled Solar Options will be held from 6-7:30pm on Wednesday 4/27/22 via Zoom. It will include a moderator and the following organizations representing different solar options each to speak for 20 minutes with 30 minutes for Q&A.

- a. Solar Options (20 mins per presentation) 1.5 hour webinar, 4/27 Weds. (6pm -

- i. Opening by Committee w what we are going to hear. Also where are our resources are on the web. Moderator: Tim Glidden -NW, back up: Steve Wiems?-JB
 - ii. Subscription: Power Markets (Pat Jackson backup Kay Mann) -NW & RM & NexAmp (Gary Hersom)-NW
 - iii. Solar Farm/ Ownership: (Nick Sampson) Revision solar farm ownership/ rooftop -YM
 - iv. Reference Nancy's passive solar hot water workshop at Tech High School
- b. Maine's Energy Utility
 - i. Moderator: Steve Wiems?-JB
 - ii. Vitelli, Berry

Other discussion

CPICC upcoming engagement opportunities in the RECODE effort to look at energy efficiencies to include, such as requiring charging stations with new development, LED lighting requirements, etc.

Tabled New Business:

Next project discussion

- c. Webpage updates
- d. Climate Action Plan update
- e. EV charging & purchasing
- f. Next GOPIF grant ideas

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