

FEB, 2020 CORNISH ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEB, 11, 2020, at George H. Stowell Library

ATTENDEES: Joanna Sharf, Dick Gendron, Nancy Wightman, Marie DeRusha, Dan Poor

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TOWN MEETING: Warrant articles discussed. WE ALL will each come up with statements that we can use at Town Meeting. We had the following thoughts: “This is not a tax, Incentive to reduce, Offset the costs and risks, Going to the source is the quickest way to reduce, Fossil fuels get subsidies, We are paying a price. “

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JOANNA will research what other towns are doing about solar exemption.

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WEBSITE: DAN will work on sorting out our website. JOANNA will will get instructions to him.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 25, 7 pm at Nancy's house, for an informal plan for Town Meeting.

Those with names in caps have a job to do.

Nancy

CORNISH ENERGY MEETING, DEC. 7, 7 PM ON ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Joanna Sharf, Richard Thompson, Dan Poor, Dick Gendron, Zack Hallock, Shideko Terai, Bill Cable, Jeni Wightman, Nancy Wightman.

TOWN MEETING BUDGET REQUEST: short discussion on logistics. **Richard Thompson** agreed to be treasurer. We will remember to save all invoices and keep a record in order to be accountable.

WEBSITE: **Dan** will work on this. **Joanna** will send directions and Shideko is available to help. Suggestions were made to work with Plainfield on a joint website.

TOWN OFFICE LIGHTING. **Shideko** approached by Heidi about Town Office lighting. This needs to be followed up.

RF100: Things to do to work toward our goal of 100% renewables by 2030.

***Solar Expo, when Covid allows, will be on our joint PEC/CEC agenda and will generate a renewed interest.

***Community Solar: Looking for investors and sites. Investors can get a 24% tax credit next year. Possible sites are CREA (Cornish Recreational and Educational Area), a Jackson Rd resident, a Rte. 120 resident. **Dan** will discuss CREA with Conservation Commission, **Dick** will talk with Rte. 120 individual. Fairground area seems ideal but with challenges. CREA and Fairground surrounding municipal and school buildings all in the NHCo-op Utility area. Fair Committee should be approached about possible solar array. **Joanna** will approach Norwich Tech and Tracker installers to walk land and give advice. Richard is on the School's Facilities Committee and will bring up solar possibilities.

***Land Development Activities: **Jeni** will explore for possible sites and 3-Phase power lines. Bill reported that the Power Line cannot be tapped into. Zack reported that cost for 3-phase power is about \$100K for 1/4 mile. Cost to tap into an existing line should be investigated. **Nancy** will send out to all the municipal and school total electrical usage for 2019.

*****Bill and Shideko** will speak with Doug Miller about a possible talk on his leasing experience with solar array.

EDUCATION: Did You Know...? **Nancy** will gather, remind and see that something goes into connectcornish every two weeks.

NEXT MEETING: Jan 11 at 7pm on zoom. **Shideko** will take charge of zoom details.

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