

CEC_PEC Meeting Minutes, April 06, 2021 on ZOOM, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Attendees: Bill Cable, Dick Gendron, Evan Oxenham, Lee Oxenham, Joanna Sharf, Nancy Wightman, Ron Eberhardt, Steve Ladd, Shideko Terai, Zack Hallock.

Minutes of 03-02-2021 – Approved

Next Educational Presentations:

Did you know. . . ? Series.

Proposed

Next articles:

Battery – report from recycle batteries from Union of Concerned Scientists

Green energy

StonyField

Rebates Reprise

Community Power (Aggregation)

Earth Day Community Power Presentation:

1. Targeting select board members and other town leaders. Scheduled for Earth Day, April 22 at 7 PM. Invitations have been sent out to Steve Halloran and Cornish boards and the event advertised on Connect Cornish, e-mail list, Nextdoor. **Evan** will put it in the VNews Calendar.
2. Progress of slide presentation and Zack will be the live presenter. Program will be recorded. Evan requested that **Zack** send the slide deck to all of us and Zack welcomes comments. 20 min. for slides and then the remainder for Q&A with raise hand feature. **Evan** will run the hosting.

HB315.

Committee Report: Good news! Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0748h (passed by vote 18-0) – amendment drafted by Clif Below (mostly). Will be voted on by full house the end of this week. Next on to the Senate. Hopefully, PUC will continue along with the rule making.

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH)

1. Meeting on March 18
2. Asking towns to sign up. Interesting how many towns already are interested. The communities represented at the meeting jointly use about 1.6 million megawatt hours per year, spend about \$113 million on their energy supply and are from all regions of New Hampshire. CPCNH estimates that at launch the number of their rate payers will be similar to Liberty.
3. Presentation from meeting attached. There's a link to the recording.
4. CPCNH is encouraging communities to join CPCNH
5. Harrisville has completed their Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan – goes to Town Meeting for approval in May. Check the website. Nancy said it is excellent.
6. Cornish & Plainfield needs to get their aggregation plan together so it will be ready for next year's town meeting. This would look similar to what Harrisville has done.
7. Towns can join CPCNH at any time they want. Can join without actually being committed to it without a plan being adopted. The selectboard agrees to join the coalition. Joint powers agreement (JPA) is the legal commitment. Evan will send out the "idiots guide." A lawyer will need to take a look at the agreement.

Energy Survey of Town Residents, Businesses

Plainfield survey in Google Forms has been advertised to all Plainfield Residents. As of April 3, there were 38 responses, one from a renter. It's getting there. We can keep on pushing the survey. Maybe a paper survey at the town meeting? Put them on the seats. Station someone to collect surveys as townspeople exit. Continue to collect surveys in a drop box at town office. **Steve** will talk to Steve Halloran about this.

E-Bike Program

Repeat from last year under the Burlington Local Motion. Since it is a grant through VT will have to contribute \$200 as seed money, \$100 for each town. The program will start around Sep 1 for 3 weeks. Funding – Plainfield can contribute \$100. And others in Cornish are willing to contribute Cornish's fee. So be ready with money in July. Coordinate E-Bike lending program with Energy Expo.

Energy Expo

Plan for fall – Saturday September 11 – rain date the following Saturday. **Steve** will check ASAP with Plainfield Elementary School if 9/11 will work for them. At Plainfield Elementary School - gymnasium

What? Solar & Weatherize, heat pumps, electric tools, E-Bikes, EVs on display, and presentations. **Bill** will check with E-Bike businesses. Liberty for batteries and other companies - **Joanna**. Ask NHSaves to make a presentation - **Joanna**... Gordon Tuttle for NHSaves and EverSource - **Joanna**. *Let other energy committees know about our Energy Expo ASAP and ask for them to sponsor the program - **Evan**. **Bill** will mention at E-Bike committee meeting tomorrow. Nancy mentioned that we need to keep a list of all the energy committees so all of us can access them readily. It was suggested that Vital Communities is the best resource for this list of ECs. **Evan** will contact Solaflect and about Sonnen batteries and has already contacted Revision Energy and Norwich Technologies for solar installations. (Heat pumps: Nate Bergeron is from Plainfield. Nate Moore is from Springfield). There's a guy from Plymouth State who might do a presentation on heat pumps - **Joanna**.

New NH Department of Energy Proposed in State Budget Legislation

PUC, site evaluation committee, ocean & wind energy committee etc. Pull the administrative functions from the PUC and have them as independent entities and moved into this new NH Department of Energy. Several divisions. Intention is to make it a more focused department. Concern is the link to the federal level DOE under Republican influence and state influence of our Republican Governor. SEC has no budget. No input from STE committee. NHDOE is being presented as part of the state budget. All being done behind closed doors. Nothing positive on the energy front. Ongoing proceedings to make this more transparent. Keep your ears open. <https://nhfpi.org/resource/the-governors-budget-proposal-for-state-fiscal-years-2022-and-2023/>

Other Business: Solid state batteries would be a great step forward for battery technology.

Next Meetings

Next Cornish Energy committee meeting – Monday April 12 at 7:00 pm

Next Plainfield Energy committee meeting – Monday April 19 at 7:00 pm

Next CEC-PEC Joint Meeting – Tuesday May 4 at 7:00 pm Adjourned at 8:15 PM