

## **CEC\_PEC Meeting Minutes, May 04, 2021 on ZOOM, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Bill Cable, Dan Poor, Evan Oxenham, Joanna Sharf, Nancy Wightman, Ron Eberhardt, Shideko Terai, Zack Hallock.

**Minutes of 04-06-2021** – Amended minutes approved. Shideko will make the suggested changes and send them out.

### **Next Educational Presentations:**

#### **Did you know. . . ? Series for ConnectCornish.**

**Proposed Next articles:** several in the works but not mentioned-

New suggestions discussed: **Evan** - Types of battery storage: Lithium ion, zinc oxide, etc. and Community power: Evan will write an update on this to keep it in the public spotlight

### **COMMUNITY POWER (AGGREGATION)**

#### **Earth Day Community Power Presentation:**

Feedback: Excellent job! Good attendance. Each energy committee may want to check in with their Selectboard to see if they have any questions about Community Power. The link was sent to them. The YouTube link was sent to Plainfield Selectboard. Joanna will send the Cornish Selectboard the link, also. It will be published on ConnectCornish as well. Joanna?

**HB315** Update: Full House passed the bill with amendment. It was passed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Next: On to the Senate for a vote.

**SB91** has related issues to allow CPCNH to buy power directly from a community array. Basically in favor. Looking optimistic. Sununu supported in the past.

**Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH):** "Roadmap to Community Power Webinar" Part 1 was today at noon. Explained how towns can join CPCNH. Most of the PEC\_CEC members attended. Evan will send out the link to the recording. He suggests that everyone should listen to this particular webinar. It was mentioned by Zack that this webinar series continues on 5/13 at 5:30 PM. 5/25 at 5:30 PM and 6/10 at 5:30 PM. [www.CPCNH.org](http://www.CPCNH.org) We should look at website to see template Energy Aggregation Plan, EAP. Take a look at Harrisville.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that both our towns will work on this EAP together. Evan will organize this effort.

Joanna will wait for a few months to approach the Cornish Selectboard as we iron out JPA (joint power agreement). The JPA t needs to be reviewed and approved by each town selectboard. Ultimately it gets reviewed by PUC. Can certainly work on the EAP now in order to get help from CPCNH.

**Installing Commercial Solar in NH:** Joanna gave an update on how difficult it is to install commercial solar in NH. Doug Miller's land for example. A guy who is a solar installer in Lempster is experiencing the same problem as Barrington power. David Russell of Barrington Power explained the predicament he faced in Cornish. Also had this happen with wind turbines in Lempster. Had not assessed solar power at all until Avitar. Terry Donoghue reiterated how difficult it is for solar installers, ex. Plainfield School. Cornish Energy Committee wants to pass a warrant article for a flat tax rate for solar installations that is low. Maybe someone would research Avitar and discuss over email what is learned about them. Shideko?

## Energy Survey of Town Residents, Businesses

Plainfield survey in Google Forms has been advertised to all Plainfield Residents. As of today, there were 50 responses, a participation rate that has not changed in the last two weeks. Low response.

Plainfield will distribute a flyer at Town Meeting to try to stimulate participation and **Evan** will send out reminders on ConnectCornish and Nextdoor.

**E-Bike Program** update: **Bill** - We paid the \$200 fee. Got some pledges to cover this.

## Energy Expo

- Date: Saturday September 11 – rain date the following Saturday.
- Location: is still in question. Having it at Plainfield Elementary School may present some problems by virtue of pandemic. Evan will contact them. Cornish Town Hall? Plainfield Town Hall are other possibilities.
- Program possibilities: Vendors for Solar & Weatherize, heat pumps, electric tools, E-Bikes, EVs on display, and presentations.
- Status of presenters: still exploring. **Joanna** will contact Gordon Tuttle for NHSaves and EverSource about a possible presentation and a booth. Joanna will contact Andy Duncan from Lakes Region Community College to present Button Up. **Evan** will contact Solaflect (Bill Bender) and Sonnen about display table with literature on batteries. Revision has plenty of programs. Batteries and heat pumps. **Bill** wants a speaker on electric cars, electric vehicles. He will look into NH EV group NHEC.com *Drive Electric*.
- Status of vendors: **Bill**- checked with Claremont Cycle Depot. They are interested in having a table about E-bikes. COVER is interested in having a table on weatherization and info on their organization; but needs more details about the Energy Expo. So once the plans unfold, he will get back to COVER. **Joanna**- has offered to contact Liberty to see if they want to have a table on batteries. She will also check with the other utilities. She will also contact Dana Fischer, area manager for Mitsubishi about table on heat pumps.
- Status of outreach and sponsors: **Evan**- Let other energy committees know about our Energy Expo and the date ASAP and ask for them to sponsor this with basic idea to get the word out. There's a guy who might do a presentation on weatherization/Button-Up that Steve Ladd suggested to

## Next Meetings

Next Cornish Energy committee meeting – Monday May 10 at 7:00 pm

Next Plainfield Energy committee meeting – Monday May 17 at 7:00 pm

**Next CEC-PEC Joint Meeting – Tuesday June 1 at 7:00 pm**

**Adjourned at 8:12 PM**

Submitted by Shideko Terai