

CORNISH ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 11, 2022, 7 PM
Town Office Conference Room, in person & via Zoom

ATTENDING: Committee: Joanna Sharf, Nancy Wightman, Richard Thompson, Fred Weld, Everett Cass. Via Zoom: Bill Cable and Dan Poor and Friend Dick Gendron. In person guests: Bill Gallagher and John Dryfhout.

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES: Fred made the motion, Richard seconded, and all approved.

DEBRIEF - HEAT PUMP: 60 or more attended. A good response. We should plan for a larger venue in the future.

DR. YE TAO'S MIRROR TECHNOLOGY: Mirrors for Earth's Energy Rebalancing (MEER). Mirror technology with test projects in Plymouth and Concord. Registrations for this Zoom Event are 50 and growing. Joanna submitted a Letter to the Editor.

SOLARIZE 2022 CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Joanna does not yet have the final numbers, but will have them for next meeting. Suggestion from guest to include battery storage as a future forum. Dan, Bill and Joanna have battery storage and might participate.

COMMUNITY POWER AGGREGATION: Joining the CPCNH (Community Power Coalition of NH) begins with the Selectboard's signing of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Signing the JPA starts the process of drafting an aggregation agreement, obtaining data from the utilities, and holding public hearings to inform town residents about community aggregation. This culminates in a vote to join CPCNH at Town Meeting. Due to increasing electric rates and the fact that we can back out of the JPA at any time -- so there is nothing to lose by signing -- it was suggested by Joanna that the committee recommend the Selectboard to sign. Joanna moved, Richard seconded. Joanna, Nancy & Richard voted in favor; Everett and Fred opposed. The vote to recommend the Selectboard sign was three to two in the affirmative. Joanna will meet with the Selectboard soon to convey this recommendation.

RECYCLING CENTER SOLAR ARRAY UPDATE: Joanna met with Liberty engineer Marc Coleman to obtain an estimate for bringing single phase, 200 amp power to the Recycling Center. Two options: Set 2 poles, with a meter pedestal at the open area of the facility and trench to the Recycling Center buildings. Set one pole halfway down the driveway with pedestal next to the pole and trench to the buildings. Also needs primary wires leading TO a transformer (vs. secondary wires FROM a transformer). Before an estimate could be given, he needed a copy of the deed. Joanna has obtained that copy and will turn it over to Liberty. Estimate of trenching will also be included in final cost.

TRAINING FOR FIREFIGHTERS ON HOW TO HANDLE SOLAR PANELS DURING A FIRE: Everett talked to Bill Taylor of the Plainfield FD who asked for a fall training session. Joanna spoke to Mike Boutilier of Cornish FD. Between the two departments there are about 30

firefighters. Joanna will check with the presenter about how many participants can be accommodated. She could also reach out to Enfield, Windsor, Claremont.

EV CHARGING FORUM: Date needed for this joint presentation with Plainfield Energy Committee. This will be a virtual event with Jessica Wilcox, Evan Oxenham and Richard Thompson presenting. Aaron Moir of NHEC might also speak about NHEC incentives for EV chargers. The Committee discussed possible dates and suggested the evening of Thursday, October 27 as a first choice and Tuesday, October 18 as a second choice. Joanna will connect with Plainfield and confirm a date.

WEATHERIZE CAMPAIGN: Gordon Tuttle of Eversource said early January as a Launch Date would work fine, but suggested we check with Liberty and NHEC about their recommendations for start dates and what funds would be available from them.

BYLAWS: ARTICLE V, VI, VII MEETINGS. Article V: Obvious items about meeting records (Section 1) and what to include (from Section 2) were discussed and removed from the bylaws. Article VII: will include a Section for donations, and a question about when annual report is due. Joanna will ask Heidi for best wording on those items. Article VIII: brief discussion on ethics and spokesperson for the committee. Joanna will make the suggested changes and provide the Committee with a new and possibly final draft, which the Committee will have a chance to review before next meeting. A Vote to accept this document will be made at next Cornish Energy Committee (probably in September since we will be meeting jointly with the Plainfield Energy Committee in August).

NEXT MEETING. Richard motioned, Joanna seconded and all agreed to skip regularly scheduled meeting in August but to meet with Plainfield for our Joint Plainfield/Cornish Meeting on **August 2 at 7pm** in the CornishTown Office Conference room.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Joanna motioned, Nancy seconded to not vote to adjourn in future meetings. All agreed.