

Minutes 8/10/2023

Energy Committee

Attendance: Steve Dzubak, Samantha Davis, Theresa Quinn

Meeting started at 5:35pm. First topic of discussion was the request for proposal for municipal solar array on the roof of the highway/fire building. The RFP provided by the Town of Enfield was used as the template and has now been edited to reflect a proposal for municipal solar on the highway/fire building in Springfield. A required structural evaluation of the roof is included in the RFP. Steve suggested that this is ready for Selectboard review and review by the town attorney if Selectboard agrees. Steve will send the minutes, the RFP, and ask to be included on agenda for Monday meeting of Selectboard to present, answer questions, and ask if the board would like the town attorney to review. Steve will attend that Selectboard meeting on Monday.

The second topic of discussion was the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and the joint power agreement. After some discussion, Steve suggested that he discuss with the Selectboard on Monday if they would like to send the joint power agreement to the town attorney or would rather wait and have the members of energy committee as well as members of Community Power Coalition from neighboring towns attend a selectboard meeting. At a selectboard meeting we could do a quick presentation and then have a question and answer session to better inform the select board. Sam is working on a summary of the Joint Power Agreement to share with the Selectboard. There was a discussion of how the Community Power Coalition is funded, which is through the rates that are set so the Town does not have to pay anything to be a part of the coalition. There rates are still lower than the default rate of power by the current utilities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.