

Springfield Energy Committee Monthly Meeting
5:30 pm – Springfield Town Hall
Attendees: Kevin Lee, Samantha Morris
Absent: Jessalyn Straniti, Steve Dzubak, Theresa Quinn

Meeting began at 5:45 pm.

1. Municipal solar:

- a. Selectman Lewis requested RFP to be sent via email for her review and sharing with the rest of the selectboard and then on to town counsel. Sam Morris will send to all selectboard members.
- b. Review of the last selectboard meeting exchange. There was concern expressed by one resident of the carbon footprint, etc. of solar panels. As the energy group, we will do our best to research these concerns and provide scientific data, resources, and expert opinions to provide to the selectboard in order to make a careful decision on the implementation, however, at this point, submitting an RFP and obtaining bids from contractors is non-obligatory and the selectboard agreed to review the RFP and proceed to determine what the options available are.
- c. Kevin will reach out to contacts from Clean Energy NH for more information on (1.b.) and the recent grants awarded and how that could benefit Springfield:

Clean Energy NH (NH Sustainable Energy Association)

The funding will expand the Energy Circuit Rider program to small, rural communities in Sullivan County. The program will provide direct, customized support to the staff and committees of low-income municipalities to assist them in accessing funding, incentives and providers for clean, energy efficient building and renovations, system upgrades and vehicle charging infrastructure.

Sullivan County (NH-02) Grant Amount: \$219,572.83. Total Project Amount: \$255,216.00

See link:

<https://www.nbr.gov/userfiles/files/'23%20Catalyst%20Program/NH23%20Award%20Summary%20for%20Website.pdf>

2. Community Solar

- a. Discussed the option of having someone from CPCNH come to the next selectboard meeting that a rep from our group can also attend to give a very brief presentation and answer questions for the selectboard, especially relating to the JPA.

Andrew Hatch is willing to come and answer any questions. Next step is to follow up with the rest of the energy committee on this.

- b. Another town recommended that we also reach out to Standard Power so the selectboard has a comparison. Sam will submit an inquiry to them.

3. Administrative:

- a. Sam to send minutes to Tamara
- b. Sam to ask Tamara if minutes are being emailed to those subscribed to selectboard minute email list (someone stopped in during the meeting and said they weren't getting them).
- c. Follow up with rest of energy committee to see who can attend selectboard meeting on the 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15.