

Town of Dublin Energy Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
5 PM in person, Town Hall, 3rd floor

In attendance: Susan Peters (Select Board), James Finnegan, Allen Hearn, Blake Minckler, and Jack Munn.

This was the Energy Committee's first organizational meeting. Dublin resident Rob Segrin also expressed interest but was unable to attend the meeting.

By way of introductions, everyone shared a bit about themselves and their interests relating to energy. All expressed interest in exploring options for solar power on Town land, and also felt that it is important to learn more about the potential benefits of Community Power and electric aggregation for Dublin residents. There was agreement that broadband is very beneficial for Dublin, and that exploring future energy-related improvements could offer significant benefits.

Susan explained that the Select Board is looking to the committee to develop a proposal as to its mission, goals, and scope of responsibilities. The Select Board will appoint interested residents to the committee. Residents with a variety of skills and interests are most welcome.

After discussion, the sense of the meeting was to work on researching ideas in four areas:

1. Solar - especially including opportunities on Town land
2. Community Power including electric aggregation - for a possible warrant article in 2023
3. Town energy plan/audit - including updating the energy audits for Town buildings
4. Community education including a speaker series on these three and other energy topics

These four areas are not mutually exclusive, and all could contribute to greater awareness and energy improvements and efficiencies for the Town and its residents. Helpful community organizations include the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, Community Power Coalition of NH and other community power resources, and other NH town energy committees.

Action items:

1. In the short term, the focus will be on researching and learning from energy professionals. With a background as a community planner, Jack has a number of contacts doing energy-related work in NH. He agreed to reach out to some of his contacts including Henry Herndon who has worked with the Community Power Coalition of NH. A goal is to schedule a speaker for the next meeting on Wednesday, March 23.
2. In the longer term, it would be worthwhile to do a survey of Town land to find possible suitable sites for solar. Speakers on energy topics will also be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 7 pm. .

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan W. Peters