

Town of Dublin Energy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
6 PM at Town Hall, ground floor

In attendance:

In person: James Finnegan, Allen Hearn, Blake Minckler, Jack Munn, Susan Peters (Select Board), Bronson Shonk, Mary Shonk.

**Community Power.** Jack reported that 20 online surveys have been completed. Susan reported an additional 4 completed paper surveys were in the collection box at Town Hall, with more surveys to be picked up at the DubHub. The deadline is February 15, and she will check again after that time to pick up any additional completed surveys.

The Committee discussed the proposed warrant article for Town Meeting in March: “to see whether there is community support to consider opting into the Cheshire County Community Power Plan for electricity supply for residential, business and municipal use”. Committee members pointed out that - without having the community survey results, and with the County still developing how the Plan will work for municipalities, residents, and businesses - it seems premature to recommend that Dublin opt into the County’s plan. The warrant article is phrased to get a sense of community interest in the Plan, without committing to opting in until after further research and careful consideration by the Town. In proposing the article, the Committee is recommending that the Town give this further consideration. On motion made by Jack and seconded by James, it was agreed unanimously to recommend the article as a means of gauging community interest in the Cheshire County Community Power Plan.

On Monday, February 6, Dori Drachman (of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub and Peterborough Renewable Energy Planning) will be attending Dublin’s Select Board meeting to help provide background and answer questions about the Cheshire County Community Power Plan.

**Committee’s one year anniversary.** February is the first anniversary of the Energy Committee’s formation. At the next meeting, it would be helpful if members can be prepared to share their interest in serving for another year, and who might serve as Chair and as Secretary for the coming year. It would be great to bring in more members from the community. An announcement at Town Meeting would help to get the word out.

#### **November 2, 2022 minutes**

On motion made by Jack and seconded by Blake, the minutes of the November 2, 2022 minutes were approved.

### **November 30, 2022 minutes**

On motion made by Allen and seconded by Blake, the minutes of the November 30, 2022 minutes were approved.

### **Committee Report for 2022 Annual Town Report**

There was consensus to submit the Committee's draft 2022 report to the Town for the Annual Town Report.

### **Action items:**

1. **Municipal Solar.** Need to follow up on evaluating solar opportunities for municipal buildings and on the Transfer Station property.
2. **Energy Audit.** Need to follow up on doing an assessment of Town energy usage.
3. **Dublin Advocate.** Susan will write another article on community power for the March issue of the Advocate in preparation for Town meeting.
4. **Appeal for new members.** It is important to get the word out (Town Meeting; the Advocate) that residents are welcome to consider joining the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Peters