

Enfield Energy Committee Minutes

"To identify energy savings for the Town and energy savings opportunities for the community".

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:15 PM

Location: Whitney Hall, Enfield, NH

I: Call to order

Attending: Charlie DePuy, Phil Vermeer, Holly West, Alisa Bonnette, Charlie Clark, Wendell Smith, Kurt Gotthardt, Dave Levesque

II: Approval of Minutes

Wendell made a motion to approve the minutes, Charlie C seconded, all voted to approve.

NOTE: In the future agendas and minutes to be provided to Alisa as attachments so they can be posted on the town website. **Agenda to be submitted by Phil the Friday before the meeting, Phil will provide the agenda before noon.**

III: Public Comment

N/A

IV: Old Business

Energy Chapter

No discussion at October 13th meeting.

Solarize Lebanon-Enfield

Charlie provided brief update on Solarize Lebanon-Enfield program:

- Team is within 6 kW of tier 5, will probably hit tier 5 by 10/31/15.
- State rebate is scaled back.
- Team is encouraging people to sign up before federal rebate expires (12/31/16).
- State level legislation is needed to raise the cap and develop new net metered systems.
- Temporary lift of cap should come soon, tentatively the first of the year.
- Have a former PUC member on our team to help us navigate current situation.
- Kate Epsen from SEA is also assisting the team.
- **Charlie D will remind Alisa to take down the Solarize information on 10/31/15.**

Baltic Mill

Wendell reported on the status of the Baltic Mill:

- Wendell and Phil had coffee with Tim at Mickey's to discuss.
- Tim is on hold until they raise the net metering cap.
- Liberty currently has a monopoly on providing power to Enfield, committee should find out how much to buy out current contract.
- Good first step is to find out costs and process involved to run our own grid, can still form an electric coop in the state.
- Charlie C mentioned that in 1976 Lebanon wanted to buy the Wilder Dam and provided an overview of the deal, Paul Marshall (who lives in town) ran Granite State Electric at the time and is also familiar with the deal.
- Wendell would like to keep the conversation alive around the Baltic Mill and other

renewable energy options like solar panels on the bridge or using the town-owned dam and reservoir, Smith's pond, etc.

- **Wendell to pursue the concept of a utility company for Enfield.**

Update on DPW lights

Charlie C reported there are still not changes, waiting for Langlois (who has been working on the new compactor at the transfer station). Phil noted that he hopes as the 8' ballasts burn out the DPW will replace them with 4' fixtures/bulbs.

Removing / Replacing Bulbs in Streetlights

No discussion on removing streetlights at October 13th meeting.

EEC 2016 Budget

Discussion on whether to ask for more than \$1,500. **Charlie C to talk to Jim Taylor at the DPW about whether to give him our budget to replace 8' fixtures. Charlie C will get costs for bulbs, fixtures, and electrical labor.** To illustrate future cost savings EEC can provide math on wattage savings (currently 96 watts/tube x 24/7/365 x electric rate).

Renewable Energy Zoning Changes for Enfield

EEC reviewed draft changes provided by Phil:

- Two different documents with two different approaches, the first approach is writing new sections and the second is updates to existing regulations.
- Added Appendix A, definitions.
- Remove last line of 1002.
- Deadline to submit is December 9th, submission time period is November 9th through December 9th.
- No size limit on commercial systems.
- May need to add definition of ground cover if there are questions.
- Kurt recommends leaving height out as it is covered in other regulations.
- 401.3 remove commercial from line.
- 401.6 addresses existing light commercial gap in regulations so solar is not considered light commercial requiring the 400' setback, make a minimum of 100' setback.
- Kurt noted that any proposed installations beyond ones for personal use will require site plan review.
- Scott Osgood would like to review the current draft, Kurt and Phil to schedule a time to meet with Scott and Phil Neily.
- Committee reached a consensus to proceed, **Phil will email out the document modifications.**

MVRHS Renovation

No discussion at October 13th meeting.

New President

No discussion at October 13th meeting.

V: New Business

Climate and Energy Future discussion on October 21st at Howe Library for those that wish to attend.

VI: Other Items

- Next meeting is **November 10th at 5:15 pm in Whitney Hall.**

VII: Adjournment

Charlie D moved to adjourn the meeting, Charlie C seconded the motion.

BOLD indicates action item.