

Energy Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Whitney Hall Conference Room
5:15 PM

Attending: Phil Vermeer, Jim Fenn, Charlie DePuy, Kim Quirk, Charlie Clark

Solar Zoning proposal

Kurt's thoughts for doing something this year would be to rewrite the original proposal to remove community solar designation in R1 zoning. Remove any size designation and refer to the definition of community solar by the NH PUC.

Here are some ideas we had on the wording of the Warrant article:

Warrant article title: Community solar requires site plan review

Purpose:

The purpose of this warrant article is to define "Community solar array", which would only be allowed in R3, R5 or commercial zone,s and to require a site plan review for any community solar array.

Definition:

A Community Solar Array is a solar array that would allow multiple rate payers to share a site with good solar access to supply renewable energy for their own buildings. Just as community gardens allow people without good access to garden space to share a common space for their plantings, a community solar array would allow people without good solar access in their own yard to have access to solar generated energy.

Motion detector in Break room:

Charlie Clark installed a motion detector and so far everyone working at DPW have been pleased. Charlie has been there a few times and the break room was the only one where the lights were off. We definitely need to do more of these.

About \$35 for each sensor/wall plate. About 1/2 hour of labor so maybe a budget of \$75 per motion sensor. All five offices should be outfitted; 2-4 for the bays; the main hallway. The whole job to put all DPW lights on sensors should be well under \$1000. A good project for this committee to take on. Also, we should look at the outside lights to replace them with LEDs, possibly motion detectors.

Charlie will continue to make progress on this project. (Thanks for your work on this Charlie!!)

New Business

Phil would like to step down as Chair next year. Jim might be interested in 2017. Charlie DePuy is willing to take it on for 2016, with some help writing minutes. Kim offered to help (perhaps Holly can help some times as well).

We also discussed having the next meeting in January to wrap up the year; and then going back to quarterly for 2016.

Next meeting is Tuesday January 12th, 5:15pm at Whitney Hall.

The planning board hearing where we would like to have our new proposal public forum is **January 13th, 7pm at DPW**, please put this on your calendar as we want a good showing!

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Quirk