

Lee Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019

Members present: Lou Grondin, Barb Wauchope, Mary Woodward, Cary Brown
Guest: Henry Herndon, Clean Energy NH

The minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

Related to the committee's new municipal membership in Clean Energy NH, Clean Energy's Director of Local Energy Solutions Henry Herndon attended the meeting to advise the group on various energy policies and available programs.

Barb will work on updating the savings to-date of the previous LEC-sponsored lighting and related projects at the PSC and Transfer Station.

With the town vote now past, the group discussed plans for how best to move forward with the previously town-approved PPA solar installation. Consensus was that the Transfer Station is perhaps the best site for an initial installation. After discussion of various net metering aspects and related NH bills under consideration, consensus was that Barb will re-contact Dan Weeks of Revision Energy to set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Mary updated the group on the status of bid collection for blower-door testing of the Public Safety Complex. At the recommendation of Henry and other informer energy contacts, LEC consensus was to investigate how to move forward with a designated bid in the context of town budget requirements. Mary will investigate next steps while Lou investigates the specifics of the blower-door-testing rebate with an NHEC contact. Lou will also investigate the details of on-bill financing for insulation and other energy tightening projects that the testing prioritizes. Henry advised that there currently are no grants available for such projects.

The group discussed aspects of how to find cost-savings by identifying or forming purchasing discount programs with Lee's neighboring towns.

An ORCSD project intern tasked with looking at the feasibility of a solar-powered EV charging station at Mast Way met with Mary and a member of the Lee Sustainability Committee. Based on LEC consensus that a charging station option might be attractive if located proximate to the Lee Circle, Mary will contact Market Basket to see if they are considering any project.

Henry advised the committee about other events and legislative bills that could be helpful to towns of Lee's size and to renewable energy programs in the state.