

TOWN OF SUNAPEE NH
FINAL ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11-23-2022

Location – Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance – Bette Nowack, and Doug Hanson

Meeting time – 5:05 pm to 6:13 pm

1. 5:05 pm meeting commenced.
2. Meeting minutes from November 9 meeting were approved.
3. There was a brief discussion of progress on the Master Plan sections. Not much accomplished, but will continue working on sections. The Conservation Commission is expecting the EC to send them a draft of our sections of the Master Plan before the end of November, but it was decided that we will not have it ready for review by that time.
4. DH mentioned that he found out that Sunapee has 8 school buses. It was also mentioned that the school superintendent indicated that SAU85 was interested in looking into getting EV buses in the future. This is something that will be included in the Master Plan.
5. DH noted that the EC Agenda that KC put together stated that the EC Section of Town Annual report is due on Dec 24 to KC.
6. The letter of interest in the CMAQ grant that was submitted to NHDOT now needs to be followed up with an application. The UVLSRPC and Town Manager emailed the EC regarding preparation of the application, but it is not clear who will take the lead. There are a lot of details required on the application that will need to come from the Town. BN will call the Town Manager to discuss who will be responsible for the completion of the application and how the EC can assist.
7. Scott Hazelton was to take the NHDOT LPA training for the Town and get certified. BN registered to take the training also, but was unable to attend due to a family emergency. This training was required as part of the application process. If Scott did not get certified, the Town is ineligible for the grant.
8. There was a discussion regarding progress made by the Conservation Commission and the W&S Commission regarding surveying the wetland on the WWTP property and the writing of a warrant article to take the upland area out of the Town Forest. BN will contact Dave Bailey and/or W&S commissioners to find out where they stand with regard to these tasks and to find out if they have developed any plans for plant upgrades such as a sludge processing facility.
9. BN sent an email to the Town Manager on October 31 requesting that the EC be put on the agenda for one of the upcoming Select Board meetings and has since followed up twice with this request. The topic would be to follow up on the Community Power presentations by Standard Power and the Community Power Coalition of NH. No response has been received yet. Ryan Polson of Standard Power has also emailed the Town Manager regarding the Town's interest in Community Power and offered to attend another BoS meeting. It was agreed that there should first be a general discussion between the EC and the BoS regarding moving forward with Community Power and which consultant they would like to use before inviting Standard Power back.
10. The EC's goal should be to get a warrant article for Community Power on the Town ballot for next March. The Town staff and BoS have been wrapped up in developing next years budget and have not had time to address Community Power.
11. The next step in the EC's goal to get a solar power array cannot be completed until a warrant article to remove the WWTP property from the Town Forest has been approved by the voters.
12. BN will call the Town Manager to discuss what we need to get from BoS to proceed with Community Power and how she would like to proceed with the CMAQ grant application.
13. An important aspect of getting the grant will be to have 20% of the proposed cost of the EV charging stations included in the Town Budget. BN will relay this to the Town Manager.
14. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.