

TOWN OF SUNAPEE NH
FINAL ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2-1-23

Location – Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance – Keith Chrisman and Bette Nowack

Meeting time – 5:22 pm to 6:12 pm

1. 5:20 pm meeting commenced.
2. Draft meeting minutes from December 21 meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved.
3. KC wrote the Energy Committee section for Town report.
4. BN worked on Energy Section of the Master Plan. KC will write two sections. BN will check with Standard Power to see if they can provide information on the hydro plant. Data on gasoline and diesel fuel use is still needed.
5. Doug Hanson has indicated that he is resigning from the EC, but has not yet sent a formal resignation letter.
6. Prior to resigning, (1) BN and KC plan to complete a draft of the Energy Committee Section of the Master Plan and submit it to the Planning Commission, (2) KC will also compile all energy usage information he has acquired and enter it in Portfolio Manager, in order to provide a benchmark for energy usage in the Town over the past few years. This can be used as a baseline for the Town going forward to evaluate energy savings in the future.
7. The EC recommends that the BOS contact Standard Power and/or the Community Power Coalition of NH to assist in deciding whether to implement Community Power in Sunapee, and, if desired, get assistance from them to implement Community Power.
8. In her resignation letter, BN will include a list of the activities performed by the EC, the lack of traction that the EC was able to get with the Town BoS, and the apparent lack of interest in energy issues by the Town.
9. One of our initiatives, Community Power, was listed on the BoS Agenda for last meeting (1-23-23), but EC was not notified or invited to attend.
10. A Warrant Article has been written for removing part of the WWTP lot from the Town Forest. The ConCom agreed to write a draft during an August meeting, but declined to submit one for the 2023 ballot until pressed by the W&S Commission and the EC. The current draft states that this would be done for expansion of the WWTP plant. BN commented that the word “future” should be added before “expansion” because there are currently no expansion plans.
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.