

Energy Committee
November 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Paul Bemis, Chair; Jeff Chartier, Buz Kenny.

Absent:

Greg Wagner

Call to Order:

Mr. Bemis called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

New Business:

- Discussion about reconciling the dollars related to the WWTF solar array. Need to have a process for this that can be done easily and periodically. Showing some savings in cost associated with this effort is important for building enthusiasm for more like projects.
 - AI: Jeff to work with support staff and Eversource
- Discussion and advise on electricity energy provider for the town. It is time to renew our contract, and we should look carefully at options.
 - AI: Lowest cost provider should be chosen. Jeff will relay to Wendy.
- Discussion about town energy plans for the next 24 months. The Group Net Metering for Municipalities has recently improved the economics for adding more solar arrays to offset the town's cost of electricity.
 - Looking for good tracks of town land in Bristol. One option is on Hall Road.
- Discussion about developing a business plan for becoming part of [Community Power Coalition of NH](#).
 - AI: Paul and Buz to work on this issue. Need to get business plan from Henry Herndon (PB to pursue).
- Discussion about Warrant Article for elimination of the current increase in home property tax associated with residential solar arrays. We currently tax them in Bristol. SB has been asked support a warrant article to eliminate this tax.
 - AI: Paul to get back in front of SB on 12/11
- Discussion about work Paul has been doing with the Planning Committee on new zoning language for residential solar. Bristol does not currently have any rules or language on residential solar. They have asked Energy Committee to do some outreach and education to the community on this topic. It will be voted on in the March 2024 town meeting.

Old Business:

None.

Member Comments

None.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec 20th, 2022- Location WWTF Meeting Room

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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 by Mr. Charier, seconded by Mr. Kenny Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bemis