



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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**Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4th, 2023**

Committee members present at the meeting: Brendan Denehy, Christopher Koffler, Ian Murphy, Jan Reimers, Graham Loff, and Town Administrator Scott Butcher.

Brendan called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Approval of October & November Meeting Minutes

The October meeting minutes, **Chris** motioned to approve, and **Jan** seconded. Unanimous approval

The November meeting minutes, **Chris** motioned to approve, and **Jan** seconded. Unanimous approval

Agenda Changes

None

Fire Station Solar Project

The solar array is operating and producing energy.

Brendan spoke of the Potential Rebate- Federal tax rebate, paperwork underway, late December submission. These funds would be applied to the costs of the panels. Then, those funds from ARPA can be reallocated. **Graham** expresses interest in utilizing those funds within the energy committee scope.

Utilization of software – **Scott** will set up an account to run the software and manage the metrics from the solar array.

How to publicize benefits and share metrics or benefits: **Chris** demonstrated the EPA Equivalency Calculator. This tool measures greenhouse gas energy and converts it to determine metrics in different measurements. This includes translating miles driven in a car or trees planted. We should also consider measuring the overall costs.

Community Power

Can we go with Standard Power? Do we need to conduct an RFP process? **Scott** explained that an RFP would be the best path to ensure we have done our due diligence, but this would not cost the town money; no funds have been or will be appropriated to the Community Power effort. If

an RFP is required, the project will be driven into 2025. **Scott** will reach out to Ryan (Standard Power) to see how other communities have approached this process.

What needs to happen at the town meeting when presenting the Community Power plans? We would need to show why this move would benefit town residents. A rough determination has been about \$80 per month per household of savings. We would also discuss the opt-out option. We must explain that Eversource is still your maintenance and repair contact. Explain the rate structure and tiers.

The Energy Committee will run the Community Power Committee. **Brendan** will develop a revised charter and deliver it to the select board for final approval.

Create Committee report for Town Report.

Report due early January 2024. **Brendan** will develop a draft and send it around to the committee.

Other Business

Discussion of results from the town survey. We intend to keep these responses in our scope to drive future initiatives.

Co-op Committee

Brendan spoke to the update: Oil pipe testing has not been conducted yet, and a delay has resulted in this. A resolution will be determined based on these results for phase one. Phase two will be a future reconditioning of everything within the system.

Set up Dates for Future Meetings

January 9th, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

Ian moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., which was seconded by **Graham**. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Ian Murphy.