



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

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**Energy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2022**

Committee members present at the meeting: Brendan Denehy, Jan Reimers, Chris Koffler and Scott Butcher.

**Jan** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

**Jan** moved to accept the minutes from the November 10th meeting. **Chris** seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

**Discussion on Committee Report to Selectboard**

**Chris** discussed the report document and the need to elaborate on the Committee's "Guiding Principles" around energy projects demonstrating cost savings, being carbon neutral or carbon negative. **Brendan** would like to see the Guiding Principles apply broadly to all purchases. He also recommended incorporating them into the visioning process as part of the update of the Town's Master Plan.

**Solar Projects**

**Jan** and **Chris** reviewed EEI's solar proposals for the Fire Station and Safety Complex.

**Brendan** had asked Keith McBrien at EEI which would be the best overall solution of the two proposed considering the prices quoted have dramatically increased from the initial estimates.

**Jan** asked whether it made sense to go with the larger array for the Safety Complex. The Fire Station proposal appears to be the most feasible from an available budget standpoint. **Brendan** stated that either solution would not be generating more power than the town uses for its facilities.

**Discussion of Town Hall HVAC project**

The Absolute Mechanical and Haffner's proposals were reviewed. **Jan** and **Chris** liked the twin unit solution Haffner's proposed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium versus the single unit proposed by Absolute. The twin unit provided redundancy and possibly better coverage of the space. No recommendation was made.

### **Library LED Lighting Project**

**Brendan** said that EEI had finished installing the LED lighting at the Library with a few minor tweaks still needed.

### **Next Steps**

There was discussion around how to build off the knowledge base of other communities regarding their energy projects. It was suggested that researching what other Energy Committees were doing would be a good place to start. Reaching out to Clean Energy NH could be beneficial as well.

**Jan** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. It was seconded by **Chris**. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Scott Butcher.