

## Energy Committee Minutes and Notes

**Nov 8, 2019**

- Attendees: Susan Fuller, John Byers, Doug Smithwood, Jim Nupp, Doug Smith, Nancy Hirshberg, Dick Byrd, Linda Murray (Select Board Rep), Paul O'Brien (Select Board Alternate)
- Round of introductions
- Committee Members
  - o Three people have resigned the committee: Tim Cronin, Kevin Sanzenbacher and Jeff Ouellette,
  - o Doug Smith would like to take the Tim Cronin spot expiring in 2021.
  - o Doug Smithwood would like to take Jeff Ouelette's term which ends in 2021.
  - o Susan will contact Eli Roxby about joining and filling Kevin's position. If he doesn't want it Nancy would be willing to take that position. Otherwise Nancy would be an alternate.
  - o Each person needs to send a letter to the Town manager c/o Amy Muccio for the BOS by Nov 15<sup>th</sup> requesting that they be appointed to the committee and indicating whose term they are completing. Susan will also send an e mail to the BOS saying that she supports the appointment of these people
- Net-Metering Status:
  - o Net metering policy was supposed to be presented this week but it was postponed due to family illness. Committee indicated there is no rush on our end.
  - o Susan will check on when it will be presented and will try to get a copy ahead of time for the committee to review to make sure that it is consistent with what we agreed to support.
  - o Discussion about concerns about the net metering policy slowing down solar growth in our town.
- Energy Committee Planning
  - o Discussion about how to best support the town achieving the goals of the master plan. The goal is not to micromanage but to support the town government staff in achieving the goals.
  - o We identified the seven areas of recommendations:
    1. Reducing municipal energy use by 40%
    2. Town Building Codes
    3. MED Plan for the future
    4. 50% renewable electricity for all of Wolfeboro
    5. Land Use and Development
    6. Transportation
    7. Education
  - o We identified four priority areas in which the committee will put together a plan to help facilitate that the process moves forward. People signed up for each team and will come

to the next Energy Committee meeting with draft recommendations on how the energy committee can help advance the goals:

- Reducing municipal energy use by 40%: Nancy Hirshberg, John Byers
  - 50% renewable electricity for all of Wolfeboro (possibly combined with MED plan for the future): Doug Smithwood, Jim Nupp
  - Transportation: Jim Nupp, Doug Smith, Dick Byrd
  - Education: Susan Fuller, Linda Murray, Nancy Hirshberg
- We discussed multiple ways that the town could reach the renewable energy goal:
    - Linda indicated that as a first step due to potential early renewal of extension of current MED power contract the Selectmen asked Barry to research buying green power.
    - Doug Smithwood: One option for the future is that the electric dept could create a PPA with a solar company. Doug has other ideas that he will bring to the next meeting as part of the presentation on achieving the 50% renewable electricity goal.
  - Nancy proposed that she do a presentation on green power purchasing to ground the committee in the benefits and disadvantages
  - Nancy proposed that we organize an educational field trip to learn about Hanover and New London who are doing great things.
  - Next meeting Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 and will focus on presentations from each of the 4 groups.

Nancy- do a presentation on green energy purchasing.