



**Town of Plaistow, NH
Energy Committee
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 2, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Tim Moore, *Chair*
Gerry Marchand, *Vice Chair*
Geoffrey Adams, *absent*
Peter Bealo
John DeRoche, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

Also present: Dee Voss, *Planning Department Administrative Assistant*

Agenda Item 2: Review/Approval of Minutes

May 5, 2021, Minutes

★ P. Bealo moved, second by J. DeRoche, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-1 (Bealo abstaining).

Agenda Item 3: Discussion with Joshua Singer, Clean Energy NH

Joshua Singer, Program Coordinator, Clean Energy NH (CENH), was present via Zoom.

J. Singer explained that there were many legislative items pending and that an update on them would be coming out the next Friday.

There was discussion regarding HB315 and its progress through the legislature.

J. Singer offered that he had not yet had time to review the S.E.E.D.S. that had been sent to him since the last meeting.

T. Moore noted the list of energy projects that the Town has already completed. He explained that the EComm was looking for guidance on how to proceed with additional projects so that there would be a rationale to request future funding from the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the voters.

T. Moore added that the Town Hall's HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) system needed replacement and that some cost estimates have been as high as \$100,000.

J. Singer explained that there are some options for grant assistance for insulation and heating systems, particularly with the Federally funded infrastructure programs. He suggested the EComm check the LES (Local Energy Solutions NH) website for information on some of the programs as well as information on PUC (Public Utilities

Commission) programs that are available. He offered assistance for anything the EComm would be looking to do.

T. Moore noted that the voters had recently authorized the Board of Selectmen to move forward with the Community Power program and begin putting together an energy aggregation plan to submit to the PUC.

J. Singer suggested waiting and the legislative language was still being worked out, and there is not date as to when it might go into effect. He suggested that the EComm keep up to date on the legislation and offer support where they can.

J. Singer was invited back for the July 7, 2021, meeting. He asked that any questions the EComm have be forwarded to him in advance so that he can be prepared with answers. He reiterated his suggestion that the EComm look at the LES and PUC website for what other communities have done for energy projects as well as sources for funding them.

It was noted that there will be an LES workgroup on June 10, 2021, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 4: Old Business

LED Streetlight Policy – HSAC Reply

D. Voss reported on the meeting of the Highway Safety Advisory Committee (HSAC). They discussed the 35-day review requirement for requests for streetlight changes (additions, or changes). The HSAC offered that while their charter only has them meeting quarterly, there was no issues with them calling a special meeting to review a streetlight request.

Salt Shed Solar Installation

D. Voss reported that the contracts with ReVision Energy for the solar arrays on the salt shed had finally been signed. It was anticipated that construction would begin soon.

Public Safety Complex LED Conversion

D. Voss reported that the LED lighting conversion for the Public Safety Complex was now complete.

Agenda Item #5: New Business

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss
Administrative Assistant