



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

**ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 3, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Moore, *Chair*  
Geoffrey Adams, *absent*  
Peter Bealo  
Jon Gifford, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio*  
Jay DeRoche, *Alternate Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

Also present: Gerry Marchand, *member to be re-appointed*; Walter Proctor, *Member Candidate*; Dee Voss, *Planning Department Administrative Assistant*

**Agenda Item 2: Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

★ P. Bealo moved, second by J. Gifford, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023, meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

**Agenda Item 3: Membership  
a. Re-Organization**

★ P. Bealo nominated T. Moore for Chair of the Energy Committee; J. Gifford was the second for the nomination. There were no other nominations. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

★ T. Moore nominated P. Bealo for Vice Chair of the Energy Committee; J. Gifford was the second for the nomination. There were no other nominations. The vote was 2-0-1 (Bealo abstaining).

**b. New Member Application**

Walter Proctor had submitted an application to become a member of the Energy Committee. The EComm reviewed his application and had a brief discussion with Mr. Proctor.

★ J. Gifford moved, second by P. Bealo to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Walter Proctor be appointed as a member to the Plaistow Energy Committee. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

**c. Recommendation(s) to Board of Selectmen**

It was noted that Gerry Marchand's term as a member of the EComm had expired. He was asked if he would like to be re-appointed as a member, and he agreed.

★ P. Bealo moved, second by J. Gifford, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that Gerry Marchand be re-appointed as a member of the Plaistow Energy Committee. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

There was discussion about the attendance record of member Geoff Adams. It was noted that he had not attended a meeting in over a year and had not responded to emails or phone messages. It was noted that only one new member could be appointed unless the appointment of G. Adams was rescinded by the BOS.

★T. Moore moved, second by J. Gifford, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Geoff Adams be removed as a member of the Plaistow Energy Committee for lack of attendance and no response to emails requesting a status update. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Old Business**

##### **a. Community Power**

- 1) Community Power Subcommittee (CPS)**
- 2) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The EComm had been provided with a copy of the MOU proposed by Standard Power regarding their assistance with the Community Power program. It was noted that the MOU was as innocuous as can be, committing the Town and Standard Power to nothing, just a show of good faith to work together.

★P. Bealo moved, second by J. Gifford to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, that the Memorandum of Understanding with Standard Power, regarding the Community Power program be signed. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A.

It was noted that postings had been made to Facebook and to the Town's website to ask for volunteers for the CPS, with no response. It will be posted again to see if there is any interest. It is the intent that the CPS would meet the same time as the EComm for convenience.

T. Moore, P. Bealo, W. Proctor and J. DeRoche all expressed interest in being involved on the CPS.

#### **Agenda Item 5: New Business**

##### **a. Solar of Highway Garage (RFP)**

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) from when the solar was installed on the Salt Shed at the Public Works Garage will be distributed to the EComm for review and comment. All suggestions should be submitted to D. Voss prior to the next meeting to be compiled together for review by the Committee at the next meeting.

##### **b. Solar Ordinance Update**

A copy of the current Solar Collection Systems Ordinance (Article XVA) was provided to the EComm. Members are asked to review the ordinance and provide any suggestions for amendments to D. Voss prior to the next meeting to be compiled together for review by the Committee at the next meeting.

T. Moore offered that he had viewed a solar presentation at the recent Office of Planning and Development (OPD) Conference. He noted that the Plaistow Ordinance seemed to be in good shape, adding it never hurts to periodically review the ordinance to make sure it remains up to date.

P. Bealo noted some comments regarding the ordinance. He was asked to submit them to D. Voss to be compiled into the list for the Committee's review.

There was discussion regarding some of P. Bealo's comments, particularly regarding refraction and glare, which will be discussed further at the meeting where suggestions are reviewed.

**Agenda Item 6: Correspondence, Other 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