



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

ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 6, 2018

Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Julian Kiszka, *Chair*
Geoffrey Adams, *Vice Chair*
Tim Moore
Francine Hart, *excused*
Gerry Marchand

Also present were: Dee Voss, *Interim Planning Coordinator* and Cab Vinton, *Library Director*

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

August 16, 2017 Meeting

★T. Moore moved, second by G. Adams to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 U/A.

February 21, 2018 Meeting

★G. Adams moved, second by J. Kiszka to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 U/A.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion with Henry Herndon, New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association (NHSEA)

Henry Herndon, New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association (NHSEA), gave a presentation on NHSEA and gave a tour of the nhenergy.org website.

H. Herndon showed the Energy Committee (EComm) how to use the Strategic Energy Audit Tool Kit from the website. This tool is designed to help users prioritize and organize energy projects.

Members of the EComm noted projects that they would like to work on such as Energy Audits, a Landfill Solar Array and working with the Timberlane School District on an Energy Fair.

It was noted that the solar array had been stalled when it was initially discussed because of net metering caps.

There was discussion about how energy audits would assist the Town in creating benchmarks to measure progress against as projects are completed. It would also help to further prioritize which projects will have the most meaningful impact.

H. Herndon discussed the importance of community outreach and regional collaboration with energy projects.

There was discussion about creating a list serv, similar to Plan Link to give the energy community a forum for questions and collaboration.

There was discussion regarding a new coalition on LED streetlighting. The coalition will consist of communities serviced by Until for streetlighting. The purpose of the coalition is to consider the best way to have the discussion with Until regarding LED streetlight tariffs. It was noted that there will be a virtual meeting on March 22, 2018, followed by a meeting tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2018 in Exeter.

There was discussion about other energy-related matters and how NHSEA can assist municipalities.

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss
Planning Coordinator