

Newbury Energy Meeting DATE 4/19/21 MINUTES By: Mary Fuller Attendees

(Bold indicates present) Quorum **Yes**

Deb Benjamin	Joy Nowell
Andrew Cockerill	Mary Fuller Dan Wolf
Lisa Correa - Chair	Susan Kelley Tracy Wood

1. Call to Order, check in, agenda review.

2. Approval of 3/15/21 minutes. *approved.*

3. Reports

Solar Subcommittee & Portfolio Manager- Mary

- Solar subcommittee purpose statement and membership submitted for review and approval. *approved*

- Portfolio Manager - *Unable to get assistance from outside entities to populate the Portfolio Manager tool, Mary (& Tracy?) will look into collecting measurements and required data to populate PM for the two locations representing the town's largest annual electric bills (the Rt 103 service (town buildings) and 365 Bowles Rd). Lisa reported that the Sunapee Energy committee is using the tool and provided a contact name if we have questions. Lisa asked if contracting with Newport for the town's municipal needs was off the table, Mary said it was not, but exploring the cost/benefit of this would be part of a later effort.*

NEC /Elizabeth Harper collaboration- Sue & Tracy

Sue updated the group on the call she and Tracy had with Elizabeth Harper on reducing food waste. They are working on a curriculum and to ensure they have a broader view, would like to talk with members of the community to ensure they factor in reasonable options. Discussion was then had on locations to post info, seek input and where food waste could potentially be collected. Joy noted that the transfer station would not be a good option for food waste as it will lead to unwanted consequences such as rats and other animals and the town has difficulty keeping the area clean at present. There was discussion on whether

there were other town properties that would fit the need. Tracy's suggestion to use a NEC student was raised again.

Kearsarge Energy Groups, Select Board presentation, newsletter, survey
Lisa

Lisa reported that the presentation she, Andrew and Tracy made to the Select Board went very well. The newsletter has gone out and it includes the survey. She also updated the group on the Kearsarge Energy Group activities.

Community Education-KCA summer event/single use plastics- Tracy Committee agreed this would be a worthwhile event. Discussion on what an optimal location would be. Tracy will reach out to Syd Bryk of the Recreation Dept on possible use of Fischer Field or other location for the summer event.

4. Old/Unfinished Business/Review action status

Sue, Tracy & Andrew met with Peter Disch of Mt Sunapee /Vail Resorts on April 15th to discuss energy efficiency & potential EV charging stations. Peter took the group through the Epic Promise Report which has aggregated targets for energy efficiency for all of Vail's properties. He expressed interest in learning from the town and is open to us learning from them. The Mt is still in the assessment phase on energy savings opportunities (s/a snow making). Peter was not aware of any initiatives on electric vehicle charging stations but will check and get back to us. With regards to composting, Peter shared these lessons on reducing waste... don't let the clientele sort for themselves. The Mt does the sorting and has contracted with Grow Compost who hauls away the discarded food scraps, processes the waste, creating and selling a compost and soil product. The group agreed it was a good introductory meeting and more discussion to follow. The committee then considered if this could be a potential place for us to deposit the town's food waste (it was noted earlier that the land is leased to Vail by the state). It was agreed we should understand what others do. Perhaps contact Newbury restaurants? Perhaps this is another good project for an NEC student, to understand the inputs & outputs?

5. New Business

It was confirmed that we will be able to locate a table at the May 1st Town Meeting which is being held at 9am at the mountain. Joy outlined the sequence of events for

the day. Discussion was had on what information should be available for distribution. The group agreed a one page teaser would be the most useful. Lisa has reached out to Eversource on what materials they have and Mary reached out to NH Saves. NEC will have a table & sign for the survey outside the tent and volunteers can share info with attendees when the voting starts. Sue & Lisa will work on the sign and table set up. Discussion was had on handout content. Tracy & Mary will work on a draft. Lisa said that we can post information at the library as well.

Brief discussion on Old Home Day participation... Josh Feder is the Director of Education and runs the Junior Intern Program at the New London Barn Playhouse. He is in talks with both KCA and Lisa about having the JI's perform at the local events.

6. News/Intelligence/Info- Lisa reminded the group that on 4/28, from 12-1pm ReVision Energy will hold a Solar Presentation. She will send out the Zoom link.

7. Meeting Review – All

Went well: Joy praised the group for its level of participation and progress

Could be better: none raised

8. Summarize new actions, Next Meeting and Close

Next Meeting is May 17th, 4pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:09pm

Actions – New, Outstanding & Closed

New Actions	Who	When Due- Comments?
Flyer for Town Mtg	Tracy/ Mary	April
Sign & Table for Town Mtg	Lisa/Sue	April
Reach out to Josh Federer: performing at Old Home Day event	Tracy/Lisa?	June
NEC will listen to ReVision Energy presentation and decide whether to promote with our community	All	April 28th 12pm

Ongoing Actions	Who	When Due- Comments?
Arrange a google doc tutorial	Tracy	
Explore possibility of aggregate energy for municipal building	Mary	Later phase for alternative energy sub-committee
Liaison with New England College Tracy	Tracy	12/21 Ongoing, consider composting models as research project
Single use plastics	Tracy Deb	Ongoing
Assess bids/Options for solar array on Highway Building roof	Mary	Bids received & expired as NEC must get approval from town for funding/ installation - assigned to sub committee
Consider discussion with Mt Sunapee/Vail re: energy use and efficiency	Andrew Sue Tracy	First mtg held 4/21
Report back on call with Hannaford Sustainability Manager	Andrew	Complete 3/15 Next call 3/29
Collection of data for benchmarking Tool	Mary Tracy	
Review EPA benchmarking tool	Deb	

Closed Actions	Who	Complete/Comments
What is the town's total electric bill?	Mary	Complete
Report back on session – understanding where our garbage goes	Peter	Complete 3/15
Support NH state bills on Feb 19th	All	Complete
Determine if Blodgett Sewer Facility VS pumps fully utilized	Mary	Complete
Home composting guide	Deb	Complete
Connect with NBC on composting	Joy	Complete
Prepare a Newbury energy survey for residents for the May 1 town meeting	Lisa	Complete
Report back on call with Hannaford Sustainability Manager	Andrew	Complete 3/15 Next call 3/29
Identify intern to input building data into benchmarking tool	Mary & Tracy	Compete- since none available due to COVID, Mary & Tracy to address collection of data
Propose makeup of a sub-committee on alternative energy to dig into solar proposals and prepare for 2022 warrant article	Mary	Complete 4/15