

Newbury Energy Meeting Minutes Date: March 22, 2022 In Person

Attendees: Quorum Yes/No **Attendees** are in **bold**.

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

1. Call to Order, check in, agenda review. *4:02pm*

2. Approval of [February minutes](#). *Approved as amended.*

3. Reports

4. Old / Unfinished Business/ Review action status
 - a. Solar Project at WWTP, next steps *Warrant Article approval at town meeting allows Selectboard to sign contract. Update from Revision: costs and anticipated electricity rates are continuing to go up. Mary, Dan, Dennis spoke to Revision’s Dan Weeks. Revision has revised proposal details. Revision proposed Newbury put up \$10,000. We need to speak again with Dan Weeks to understand these changes. Call proposed for Thursday 3/24 with Solar Subcommittee and Dan Weeks. Will update Newbury Selectboard when we have new information.*

5. New Business
 - a. 2022 Programming, possible topics (*budget includes up to 4 events*):
 - i. *Solar Information Session in February was our **Event 1** (advertising and printing expenses).*
 - ii. *Residential solar/heat pumps/weatherization “Lower your energy costs” event. Have residents who have made improvements speak to their neighbors. Also invite vendors. Include NH Saves information. Consider holding this as part of Old Home Day. Repeating slide show – possibly set up in Center Meeting House. Joy will discuss at next Center Meeting House Board meeting. Lisa to lead; Sue and Tracy to assist. **Event 2***

- iii. LSPA partnership *Lisa spoke to June Fichter; no action at this time.*
 - iv. Diverting food waste
 - 1. *Possible Step 1: New England College student interested in this. Start with researching what neighboring states VT and MA have done (eliminated food waste from transfer stations) and how well it has gone, then local data – invite Newbury families to measure weight of food waste, how much would this represent for the town? What are the options to manage?*
 - 2. *Possible Step 2, how do we compost? High schoolers or scouts at Transfer Station demo composters built from pallets with information on how to build one. **Event 3***
 - v. TenTowns – *Keep our focus on energy efficiency narrowly.*
 - vi. Trunk or Treat: *Plan to engage again October 2022; great way to engage residents and esp. children. **Event 4***
(candy is only expense)
 - vii. Mount Sunapee Resort Fall Festival: *Plan to be there with information. **Event 5***
 - viii. Other: *Think of ways to engage children/schools/New England College. Great to encourage interest and excitement of younger generation. Reuse materials on website and across events.*
 - b. Newbury Energy website *Tracy working with NEC student; will mock up new website and demo at next meeting; using same platform that Newbury Library does. New website will allow us to include photos, calendar with events, and to more easily upload and edit content ourselves.*
 - c. Transfer Station plans *Lisa reached out to share information with folks on Transfer Committee.*
6. News/Info – (if new information is available)
- a. KCA meeting *It was mentioned that Kearsarge high school students placed warrant article on New London town meeting – approved but not binding without state mandate.*
 - b. TenTowns Toolkit: *Largely to do with plastic reduction. Great website with easy, tangible actions to take (<https://www.10towns.org/home>).*

Does Newbury want to be part of this (Selectboard vote needed)? Or we could use the tools without joining the initiative. Consensus is that we will look into how the tools might be useful/helpful for us.

- c. *Call with Hannafords Andrew on another call with Hannaford Maine Sustainability Office re: reducing plastic in supply chain and other initiatives. Discussed how to reduce plastics in clam shells and put more food in craft boxes (as with pies). Also discussed reducing single use plastic bags – may need NH legislative support. Tesla and Chargepoint may be interested in putting charging stations at Hannaford plaza.*
- d. *Community power Lisa proposes we set up a presentation on this and notify residents that they are welcome to attend. Motion approved to set up presentation.*

Event 6

7. Next meeting *April 18th 4pm. New Selectboard member may be assigned.*

8. Meeting Review – All

Went well:

Could be better:

7. Summarize new actions and adjourn *Adjourned 5:22pm*

Actions – Outstanding and New

What	Who	Due	Complete? Comments.
Reach out to student at NEC re. food waste diversion	Tracy	4/18	
Reach out to scouts/HS students about building compost bins	Tracy	4/18	
Mock up website	Tracy and Sue	4/18	
Contact potential vendors for Energy Fair	Lisa	4/18	
Continue talks with ReVision, brief SB	Mary	3/28	
Inquire about using Center Meeting House for Old Home Day	Joy	4/18	

Contact Community Power rep to schedule presentation	Lisa	4/18	
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