

Atkinson Energy Commission – November 14, 2023

Attending: Jim Garrity, Marie Torris, Mark Ellison, Doug Early, Michelle Veasey (Arrived at 7:30 - Fred Doherty)

Doug moved to approve minutes. Stan second, unanimously approved.

Update from Doug on Energy Conference. Fred also attended.

- Attended two sessions. DOE – virtual power plants and new energy options. Very engaging presentation from DOE. Also new energy efficiency, solar, and renewables initiatives available.
- Comments about one session being hard to understand – language seemed to be geared to energy industry attendees. Wondering whether a track for local energy committees would be valuable?

Stan asked about solar plan for the Community Center. ASHRAE Level II audit is required for grant request – Fred stepped in and is doing audit. Application for funding for the Community Center will be submitted later in November. (Grantor unknown.)

Stan asked about Police Station. Construction oversight contractor to be hired. Energy efficiency and renewable aspects to be evaluated later in the process.

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Community Power Updates ...

- Public Meetings – can Dave record one of the sessions? If not, ask if equipment can be powered and Stan will operate. Mark will splice recording to create smaller segments for quick FAQ viewing.
 - Library, Dec 2, 10-12, Jim to ask Lions to provide coffee and pastries
 - Community Center on Dec 14 from 7-9
- Atkinson Facebook event*, 411 page and press release in Carriage Towne News. * Event needs to be made public so that everyone can share.
- Promotional piece is not on the Town website yet
- Marie suggested that promotional material point out short presentations every 15 or 30 minutes, not a 2 hour meeting.
- Marie also suggested that Jim do a 30-second reel explaining what Community Power is, why we're proposing, etc. Marie will record and provide script.
- Tree lighting is Nov 26th, ask Women's Club if we could have a table
- Atkinson can select CPCNH or alternative commercial providers if Community Power is approved
- Town signs – 20-25 \$AVE MONEY, VOTE YES ON #? Atkinson Community Power, Michelle will get
- Warrant article language "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Atkinson Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Atkinson Community Power Plan is an initiative to offer lower electricity rates to residents. The plan will launch only if it can offer lower rates. Initial

participation can be declined and residents can opt out at any time in the future. Tax impact: \$0, Article approved by the Select Board X-Y.” The language passed unanimously.

- Public Meeting: Jim will lead presentation similar to that provided to the Select Board. Presentation will be made every 30 minutes. Committee members will be available to answer questions and calculate savings for residents bringing their electric bill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.