

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2021 (Virtual meeting)

Members Present: Bob Ray, Dana Lavoie, David Elberfeld, George Holt, John Stevens

Public: None

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM

1. Public comment: None

2. July 19 2021 meeting minutes approved

3. School Solar electric.

- Reviewed potential site locations from images sent by George on July 21 of Town unrestricted plots available.
- Most of those sites have issues such as wetlands, abutter issues and topography which will make panel mounting difficult and expensive. Only the Everett Road and Eversource power line north of Clinton St. show some promise, will investigate these further for other restrictions such as abutter and possible installation and use limitations
- Will investigate a potential Community power approach of privately owned sites and also conservation and Town forest limitations.
- Consult solar installers for further evaluation and needs affecting solar potential and installation needs.
- George and John will investigate what approaches other towns have used.

4. Status of the school hot water solar panel system.

- No further action to date. George will work on panel to find and fix a water leak.
- Data access available only in the school. Remote access to data not available as the original data service site is out of business. Needs a new system at a cost.

5. Progress on tours of residents' homes for solar and other energy savings.

- On hold due to COVID restrictions on home visits.

6. School energy savings opportunities.

- Bob and John will do a walk-through with the thermal camera in mid-winter.
- John will get a quote for an energy audit and any rebates available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting: October 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens