

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023 (Virtual meeting)

Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Robert Ray, John Stevens

Public: Jessica Dunbar (Bow EC), Laurie Gordon (Weare EC)

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

1. Public comment: Bob Hayden, Standard Power NH
2. November 20, 2023 meeting minutes approved.
3. Energy Expo review:
 - Dana will contact Jessica and Laurie (Bow and Weare Energy Committees) to set up event site options and arrange site tours in January.
 - Will Hopkinton EC be joining the Energy Expo?
4. Community Power
 - Bob Hayden presented and discussed Standard Power's operation.
 - Milford, New London and Jaffery are thinking about joining. Keene and surrounding towns have joined.
 - Utilities still profit from supply side.
 - Standard Power is involved with 30 hydroelectric operations.
 - Standard can do a 20 to 30 month rate contract. Utilities are usually 6 month rates
 - Need to look at the PUC rules on net metering.
 - Bob suggests doing a survey and sample plan and 2 public meetings before Town Meeting
 - OK for public to opt out on the program through Standard Power..
 - Choice of renewable or non-renewable programs and rates
 - The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen has approved moving ahead to prep for Town Meeting
 - Standard Power supports net metering.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Next meeting: January 21st

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens