

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes,

January 15th, 2024 (Virtual meeting)

Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Robert Ray, John Stevens

Public: None

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

1. Public comment: None
2. December 18th meeting minutes: Approved.
3. 2023 annual report: Latest version: Approved with changes by Dana and sent to town.
4. 2024 Energy Expo:
 - Dana will contact Jessica and Laurie (Bow and Weare Energy Committees) to set up event site options and arrange site tours in January.
 - John will check if Hopkinton EC will join 2024 Energy Expo.
 - Jessica has set up a visit at Bow Library January 17th.
5. Community Power:
 - Bob Hayden presented Community Power to Dunbarton Selectmen on Dec. 28th
 - We need to schedule another public hearing.
 - Dana reviewed June 1 2024 launch.
 - A few town officials not approving yet. We need to do more education on program.
 - Dana is leading the Community Power Committee as part of the Energy Committee

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next meeting: February 19th.

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, February 19th, 2024 (Virtual meeting)
Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Robert Ray, Brian Watford, David Elberfeld, George Holt, John Stevens
Public: None

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

1. Public comment: None

2. January 15th meeting minutes: Approved.

3. 2024 Energy Expo:

- We are looking at Bow Highschool as an alternate location.
- Spring event date unlikely, too soon for planning and setup.
- Members opinion for 2024 event at Dunbarton Elementary School, possible option
- Bow Highschool location pending site visit soon.
- If at Bow location, may entice Bow to operate if funding is available.
- John will contact Hopkinton again for their participation.

5. Community Power:

- Latest presentation to Selectmen by Bob Hayden went well, all 3 selectmen approve. Will be an item on the town Meeting budget, article 15, at town meeting in March.
- If approved, town residents are not required to go with Standard Power, other options OK.
- Community Power is not involved in time-of-day rates
- All notifications to residents will be postal, not email.

% of renewables and the approximate relative cost of each:

A 23.4% (mandated minimum by NH law)

B 33.4% (about +.4 cents/kWh)

C 50% (about +2 cents/kWh)

D 100% (about +4 cents/kWh)

- Members voted plan B as the default rate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Next meeting: March 18th.

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens