

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
- Members voted to approve, we need to schedule another public hearing to further describe the movement for public and town approval.
- 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

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, March 18th, 2024 (Virtual meeting)

Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Robert Ray, Brian Watford, David Elberfeld, George Holt, John Stevens

Public: Anna White (Americorps Climate Action Leader)

Richard Wengenroth (Pembroke Energy Committee chairman)

Jessica Dunbar (Bow EC)

Laurie Gordon

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

1. Public comment: None

2. February 19th meeting minutes: Approved.

3. 2024 Energy Expo:

- Jessica has invited Hopkinton and Concord to participate the Energy Expo. No response so far.
- The Dunbarton event location is not best central location to draw the public for attendance.
- Dana said that an IT person may not be needed, he can perform that need.
- Parking at Bow High School is better than at Dunbarton school.
- What is the Bow High School schedule for a fall event, there are several football events there.
- Attendees generally prefer a fall date. Fall dated public activities are election on Nov. 5th, Veterans day is Nov. 11th. Attendees generally prefer Oct. 26th.
- Bow high School location on Oct. 6th preferred.
- Bow Library has no large prime area so exhibits would be spread out over several areas.
- We will meet again in 2 weeks (Apr. 1st @ 7:30 PM) to review and discuss the Expo.

5. Community Power:

- Dana will attend the next Bow Energy Committee meeting to discuss Community Power and assist in researching further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Next meeting: April 1st . (Expo planning)

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, April 1st , 2024 (Virtual meeting)

Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Brian Watford, David Elberfeld, David Nault, John Stevens

Public: Richard Wengenroth (Pembroke Energy Committee chairman)

Jessica Dunbar (Bow EC)

Laurie Gordon (Weare EC)

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM

1. Public comment: None.

2. 2024 Energy Expo:

- Bow Memorial school preferred over Bow High school.
- Jessica has invited Hopkinton and Concord to participate the Energy Expo. No response so far.
- October date preferred
- October dates possible. 19th or 26th. 26th more available in school event schedule.
- Fridays may be too busy for pre-setup depending on school activities
- A cafeteria is available, better than the gym.
- Good outdoor space available for demos and more
- The cafeteria has about 5 wall-mount fold-down tables, like Dunbarton gym, 15 to 20 feet long.
- Exhibitors can share those tables, about 2 per table.
- Possibly include student participation, kid's game and other.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: April 15th.

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens