

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2021 (Virtual meeting)
Members Present: Dana Lavoie, Bob Ray, Mike Kaminski, John Stevens

Public: None

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

September 21 meeting minutes approved.

Public comment: None

1. Town solar review:

- System is up and running. There is site work needed to be done:
- Cut dirt bank back for clearance to handle dumpster (Dunbarton Telephone has located and marked conduit path location), Jeff Crosby and/or Woody Bowne will perform the dirt bank modifications with town equipment (after the spring thaw),
- Steel rods will be driven in to hold location of ground timbers at the edge of the septic field
- Flag pins will be driven in to show location of the conduit route for the future
- Dana showed the energy produced so far by month spreadsheet. Panels have been more efficient in cooler months.
- Dana will provide access password for the detailed system data to committee members.

2. 2021 Town report Energy Committee page:

- Add lease-to-own financing and benefits
- Add environmental benefits responsibility, not consuming fossil fuels for the solar energy produced
- Publicize how well the system has performed and add the public view link to the committee webpage and perhaps other locations for public access.

3. School solar hot water system:

- Internet access to system performance is no longer available, can be accessed only inside the school. Dana will contact the internet provider to determine what is the problem. If it is a subscription payment issue we will look at paying the fee.
- There may be a problem with either a pump or sensor issue.

4. School solar electric:

- We need to delay discussion with the School Board till the COVID activities reduce.
- Develop information concerning site costs to discuss with School Board and Town.
- Research what the current and future rules for solar tax credits

5. Other business

- We will look at the cost of running the hot water circulation system which serves sinks in many areas of the school and the long wait for hot water at those sinks and whether point-of-use water heaters are a solution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Next meeting: Feb. 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens