**Shelburne Energy Committee**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Present: Tom Johnson (chair), John Walsh, Andrew Baker with guests - George Boettner, Pat Stevenson

Minutes of the Sept. 30 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved with the amendment that Jeff Boettner’s legal name is George Boettner.

Mission Statement: The committee reviewed a draft mission statement (attached) and made several edit suggestions. John Walsh Moved and Andrew Baker seconded to present this draft as a draft mission statement for approval by the Select Board – Unanimously approved. Tom will send the draft out for further committee review and to consider approval at the next meeting.

Membership: The Committee has 3 current members. George Boettner plans to submit his name for appointment by the Select Board. Pat Stevenson is considering membership and will also present her name for nomination also.

FRCOG Energy Committee meeting on 10-4-21 – Tom Johnson reported on his attendance at the meeting (see attached notes). Tom communicated with Mark Rabinsky at DOER and he has agreed to meet with our committee in November.

Cowell Gym: Tom Johnson communicated with Terry Narkewicz and requested the consultant report (Energy Resources USA) on heating system replacement options (available in a few months), and requested a tour of the building. Tom will set a date with Terry and post the meeting.

Correspondence: Tom agreed to contact Terry Narkewicz and let her know we have nominated John Walsh to be our town rep to receive Mass Energy Insight data on our Municipal energy use. John Walsh shared his draft letter to Cong. Neal.

New Business: Andrew Baker reported on his exploration of solar pv development at Mohawk Trail Regional School. Andrew spoke with Robin Pease, facilities manager there and recommended they explore working with Power Options, which has developed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) approach for use by municipalities. The Mohawk Building Committee meets next on Oct. 25. Andrew agreed to share the meeting link.

John Walsh proposed developing a survey of town residents and business owners regarding the kinds of energy efficiency and renewables projects they might support, or not. He will draft questions for review.

Next Meeting is Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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Energy Committee stuff for 9/21/21 meeting

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**Committee Membership**:

* Town administrator stated that we need to submit a mission statement to the Select Board for its review before we advertise for new members.
* Jeff obtain membership yet?

**FRCOG Energy Committee Meeting on 10/4/21:**

* Attended by many Energy Committee representatives in Franklin County
* Briefly mentioned new 3-year Mass Save program
* Issues of 3-phase power, micro-grids, towns working together, solar installations
* PACE (property assessed clean energy) (Mass Development) commercial development for multi-family units, loan fund, pace@massdevelopment.com
* Clean Energy Consulting Services (on FRCOG website)
* Mark Rabinsky of DOER has offered to meet with us at our November meeting.

**Cowell Gym:**

* Terry says Energy Resources USA final report will be available “in a month or two.”
* Asked if we could have a walk through the gym – Terry says yes and either she, Mark Shipee, or Norm Beebe could lead it. I emailed Norm but thus far have not received a response.

**Correspondence Updates:**

* Jeff request to Select Board for appointment to the Energy Committee
* Tom’s request to advertise available membership on the committee
* John’s request to Terry to be our rep to receive Mass Energy Insight data on our Municipal energy use
* John’s letter of invitation to Congressman Neil
* Tom’s request to Terry regarding final report on Cowell Gym by Energy Resources USA
* Connecting with Bob Dean at FRCOG to learn about funding opportunities