

Mason Energy Commission May 1, 2023

Present at the Meeting: Dave Morrison, Michele Siegmann, Dick Stockdale, Darrell Scott, Garth Fletcher, Michelle Scott

NH energy week May 1-5

Nashua Regional Planning Annual Forum May 11 at 5:30 (Michelle is going)

Town Hall May 16, 2023 5 Darrell (Michele alternate)

BOS May 23, 2023 7:30 Joe (Kathy alternate)

MEC June 5, 7-9 Dick, Kathy, Dave

Green your fleet June 9, 8AM Loudon speedway Dave is going! And maybe other town employees

Town Hall June 20, 2023 5 Kathy (Joe alternate)

BOS June 27, 2023 7:30 Garth (Kathy alternate)

Meeting opened with acceptance of the April minutes. Dave recommended accepting the minutes, and Michele seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- **From Curt's attendance at Board of Selectmen meeting** notes: They are in favor of forming a committee to pursue community power for Mason. John Suiter may be interested in serving on the committee. No one from MEC has offered yet, except maybe Curt. We, MEC, will help with finding members, and it was suggested we seek help from those we have already solicited visioning help. Names put forth at the meeting were Bob Dillberger who has expressed an interest. Maybe Barbara DeVore would also have some suggestions.
- This is **Energy Week** in NH. There were 4 events on the website, several were virtual, but most were during the day—making it difficult for MEC members to attend
- **Energy monitors** are ready for the Fire House and another one for the Highway Department Barn especially to include the heat, compressor and the pressure washer. Dave is looking into a timer for the pressure washer as if it runs longer than 10 minutes, it causes the extra demand charges. There are 16 circuits in the Highway Barn that could be included, and they are labeled!
- **Trash Pick-up** MEC members participated as well as a few others. Of note, Wilton Rd, and Rt 31, are still in need, and other roads which were cleaned up, suddenly have been showered with more trash... The dumpster is nearly full, and some members took the trash they picked up to the recycling center. Phew, that brings this issue into the light. We don't really have good stats on the number of bags used. (Wondering if we need an education campaign of Love your Town, keep trash off the roadside—or some such sign) Dave reports that the dumpster is 4 cubic yards—a lot of trash.
Michelle will send a thank you to Nate Archambault for the dumpster.
- **Outreach and Education** Dick, our MEC graphic designer, will come up with a flyer reminder of the IRA, HAREI possibilities (along with permission from some current solar projects in Mason of people to talk to. Might be appropriate to offer their first names, along with email, to avoid any difficulties) Michelle will give Dick the Scholl's info if they agree to be part of the flyer.
Dave will contact Matt/Trish LaCross, Mark Arsenault, and maybe Michael Chang for the flyer.
- Also, the library is having a summer reading program and is using some books that feature nature learning. We suggested that planting a tree is a way to “cool the planet” and save energy around town! Children could get more info on CO₂ absorption by trees, and maybe plant a new maple tree to take the place of the demise of the maple behind Mann House. Michelle will contact Wally for support and info on this and maybe a talk on maple

syrup for library. Michele will send a list of children’s books on energy savings, where our “power” comes from, solar and wind possibilities, etc

- **Updates from other Towns:** Michele reports **Hillsborough** is planning for aggregate power thru CPCNH, and also planning for an EV charging station. NRPC can be tapped into for help. LED outdoor lighting—you pay for the removal of the old lights, and you get some reimbursement for installing LEDs.

Michelle mentioned a newstory on NPR about the ultrabright LEDs being damaging to eyes, as well as confusing to birds, and insects. It included the demise of a species of moths! It is possible that they can be purchased with less brightness, and this is a topic worth getting more information on.

Dave reports the USDOT has info and a toolkit for rural areas on EV purchases, and will forward that link. Kate of BOS was very interested in having this opportunity for Mason. MEC seemed to think ideal spots be Country Mile and Parkers. Country Mile has the power necessary.

New Boston They are looking into some solar power projects and Com Power thru Standard Power. Standard offers the best rates—at least so far. Aggregation Committee is forming with vote planned for Town meeting this year.

| What | Who | When | Notes |
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| Thank you to A-1 | Michelle | June 1 | |
| Summer energy flyer | Dick | June | |
| Energy Flyer-contact people with solar panels for permission to put 1 st name & email in flyer | Dave | ASAP | Michelle contacted Ray Scholl for permission |
| Planting a maple at Mann house, contact Wally | Michelle | May | To replace the broken maple—summer reading program kids |
| Children’s books on energy for future list for Library | Michele | May-June | For summer reading, and add to library? |
| Read at least one article on our website www.masonhenergy.org | Everyone | June meeting | Curt keeps updating, and there is some great info—READ! |
| NRPC EV info | ? Anyone? | June reporting | |
| Community Power Committee Call Lundy/Dottie, Joe McGuire, Gary Elsworth | Michelle-Lundy/Dot& see if B.DeVore has ideas. Who will contact others? | June or ASAP | We can choose some go getters, right? |
| Keep up with Energy news from towns around | EVERYONE | June | Keep reaching out! |

Temple -- Dave

Peterborough, Wilton, Wolfeboro -- Curt

Enfield, Atkinson -- Kathy

Concord, Bow, Brentwood -- Joe

New Boston -- Dick

Milford, Hillsborough -- Michele

Rindge, Portsmouth -- Michelle

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, Dick seconded this motion. And we unanimously, and happily agreed.

Minutes by M. Scott