

Draft MEC minutes from meeting, August 7, 2023

Attendees: Michelle Scott, Darrell Scott, Michele Siegmann, Dick Stockdale, Garth Fletcher, Dave Morrison, Curt Spacht, Kathy Chapman

Michelle Scott, Curt Spacht, and Garth Fletcher attended by Zoom due to personal issues.

The meeting was called to order at 7PM. The minutes from May 1, 2023, were approved. Note that the meetings in June and July were cancelled. The September meeting will be held on September 11, 2023, because the first Monday in September is a federal holiday.

The Farmer's Market MEC table was discussed. It was agreed that information from HAREI should be included, and it was suggested that someone like Garth who regularly participates in HAREI raisers could be invited to discuss HAREI with anyone who might be interested. Michelle suggested Ray Scholl might also be interested. Michele or Curt mentioned that 350NH has an info sheet about community power that might be good to have available. Michelle suggested energy bars to hand out. Dave offered to bring his helmet with solar powered propeller and his siren maybe using Wally's solar panel for the September Farmer's Market. Most people had conflicts and couldn't attend the August 19 Farmer's Market. Kathy planned to attend.

Curt and Michele kicked off the Energy Aggregation group with a meeting on July 31, 2023. Michele reported on the results of the meeting, and Dave offered to discuss municipal power with Brenda and get back to Curt and Michele. Minutes from the Energy Aggregation committee can be obtained from Curt or Michele.

Dave attended the Green Your Fleet conference. He will report on it at the September meeting.

Garth and Dave discussed power monitoring at the highway barn and fire department. There are 9 circuits that can be monitored at the highway barn. Garth created graphs and spreadsheets with the most recent data and Curt posted them at [masonnhenergy.org](http://masonnhenergy.org).

Michelle wants to make tree planting a school project. She will talk to Kristen about getting the kids to plant the trees, and doing an education piece about what trees do for the environment. Michelle will make a 1-page handout for the table at the September Farmer's Market.

The group brainstormed about the latest BOS challenge: charging stations. We considered charging stations designated for town vehicles and personal vehicles. Dave, Dick, and Darrell agreed to work on a white paper explaining the pros/cons of the various options, and the future considerations with respect to municipal EVs. Dave will look for grants designated for rural areas. Kathy will contact Hillsborough to discuss charging stations and will continue looking for grants.

The group shared information about MEC members and alums who are currently suffering losses in their families so that we could support them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.