

Present: Dorothy Minior, Lundy Lewis, Curt Spacht, Chris Bader, Michele Siegmann
Meeting started at 7:10 PM

Minutes approved from 9/25/2023 meeting.

Curt announced that John Suiter has resigned from the committee.

Curt gave a summary of his presentation to the Board of Select people.

- Summary of the work the committee is doing.
- Brief introduction of the Mason Community Power Plan and the warrant article that we are working on.
- Response was positive.

Review of Warrant article

Some discussion regarding how much detail to include in the article; leading to a reminder of the importance of educating people at the January information session, especially regarding net-metering due to solar arrays.

The warrant article was approved with this wording:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Mason Community Power Plan pursuant to RSA 53E:7, which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement Mason Community Power. Under the Community Power Plan, the town is authorized to buy electricity in bulk for its residents and businesses. The plan's goal is to help ratepayers save money on their electric bills. The Mason Community Power Plan is entirely self-funding; no taxation is involved in this plan. The Mason Community Power Plan offers flexibility for ratepayers. Participants will have the option to choose from various rate tiers, allowing them to select a plan that aligns with their individual preferences and priorities. Ratepayers may opt-out of the program.

Review of the Mason Community Power Plan

Curt has made changes to the plan. Please refer to the newest version (7). Members of this committee and the Energy Committee are to review the plan and submit changes to Curt by email in advance of the November 27 meeting. The goal is to approve the Power Plan at the November meeting and to summarize the entire plan for the BOS.

Public Information Meetings

The RSA requires one information meeting. The committee is considering a meeting in January either at the Town Hall or at the school. Curt will talk to Jen about scheduling the venue and the possibility of a Zoom component.

A Zoom only February meeting was also discussed.

Action Items

Curt: share the Power Plan using OneDrive so that members can make changes to the document.

Curt: ask Jen about scheduling the January meeting and setting up Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM