

## Mason Energy Commission August 1, 2022

Present at the meeting: Kathy Chapman, Curt Spacht, Dave Morrison, Michelle Scott, Darrell Scott, Garth Fletcher, Michele Siegmann, Richard Stockdale.

### Agenda:

- We voted to approve minutes from June 6, 2022
- **Town to link energy website**--After some discussion regarding the amount of information and updates on this energy website, we decided it was a good idea to allow the town to post a link to the energy website, [www.masonnhenergy.org](http://www.masonnhenergy.org) Michelle moved that we allow the town to link to the website. Kathy seconded it. Voting was unanimous for allowing this, and Kathy will send the email to Jen.
- **Town Website to List MEC members**--Recently there was a question about why MEC member's names are not listed on the Town website. Since the MEC members are in the Town Report each year, it is ok to put people names on town website. Kathy made the motion and Darrell seconded, and the vote was unanimous to add our names. Town website is <https://www.masonnh.us/>
- **Membership in CleanEnergyNH**--Shall we continue to be members of the CleanEnergyNH? The discussion centered around the benefits of webinars, and the weekly meetings for updates on all manor of energy topics in NH. Michele Siegmann moved that we continue to be members, and Dave seconded it. Vote was unanimous.
- **Future MEC Steering Committee**--Does the MEC long-range steering committee? The opinion of the members was that if such a group can be found, maybe at least 3 people, this may give us some additional guidance as well as possible new members on the MEC. Everyone will offer at least one or two people they have approached.
- **Next meeting**-- Due to our next meeting being on Labor Day, we will have an informal meeting on 9/12.
- **EV subcommittee update** – Curt, Dave, and Dick Stockdale. Emily Manns, from the Peterborough Energy Commission EV subcommittee, will come to our informal meeting in September to update us which is September 12 due to the holiday. Curt wondered if Emily had more questions we could ask Chief Maxwell and BOS. Ford 150 Lightening EV will be available in 2023 though as a small town, we may not be able to get one right away, if indeed, the Town makes that decision. The committee will wait to see what Emily has to say. Dave says we need to keep talking to Kevin Maxwell about the possibility. MEC is just providing information about possible EVs for BOS. Dave comments that the Mason diesel tank has a leak in the interior tank, and it is only a matter of time that they will have to dig up the tank! We discussed the possibility of placing an order for a truck ASAP even though it will be at least a year before it could materialize. We need the Select persons on the board to do this.
- **BOS meeting** -- Michele Siegmann—report on the Select meeting: See BOS notes on website. Not much for MEC to comment on, but it's still good to be aware of discussions, in case there is a need for MEC action.
- **Information Sheet on EV** -- Michelle Scott suggested an information sheet on EV specifically citing the information that MEC has been researching, and that could apply directly to the Highway Department vehicle, or a Police vehicle. This could be presented individually in a

casual setting, and just as information. Curt prefers to wait to get Emily’s information on EVs, and then we will go from there. Dick suggests sending an email update [Policechief@masonnh.org](mailto:Policechief@masonnh.org)?

- **MEC information** -- Dave has some materials from the Road Agent show. It pertains to fleet vehicles for towns. He will share. See “installing EV chargers at home” on the [www.masonnhenergy.org](http://www.masonnhenergy.org). The charger only costs about \$500, and you could DIY, (per this info). Dave will summarize this information at our next meeting.
- **Education Committee** -- Bill McKibben interview update – Michelle has been in touch but after attending several of his presentations recently, most of his energy data is the state of the planet rather than what can be done now, and at the local level. So we will drop this pursuit. And look into Solomon Goldstein Rose’s book 100% Solution and since he lives in New England also, and he may be more apropos to our desire to get the general population excited about what can be done. Michelle and Kathy will try through the Bookery Book Store in Manchester, and then maybe the Toadstool later.
- **Weatherization subcommittee** update -- Kathy/Michelle/Dave The committee met last month, the resources Kathy provided will be made into a packet for residents and a packet for businesses. We need to help by giving them a “1, 2, 3” kind of information that they can act on. Our plan is to personally get a few people to act on this information and spread the word. Michelle will work on the residential packet.
- **Working with Town Hall Committee**, Jim Dorr is head of committee -- next steps -- Darrell, Joe have attended meetings recently, and right now they are concentrating on fixing the foundation. MEC will continue to attend. All agree it is helpful to participate in these meetings with an eye toward grants and information to make it energy efficient.
- **Monitoring Electricity Use in Town** -- Thanks to Garth’s electricity records on the installed monitor, it was discovered that the heater on the fuel tank was the energy spike culprit. By using Garth’s information monitoring the electricity use, Dave has changed some behaviors with the pressure washer, and has been able to reduce some of the demand charges. These are fairly small, but add up! Garth asked what the status of the monitor in the fire department? It is not installed yet.

Michelle moved to adjourn at 8:38 and Michele Siegmann seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

What	Who	When
Send email EV updates to <a href="mailto:policechief@masonnh.org">policechief@masonnh.org</a>	?	9/12/22
Suggest 2 people for steering committee	All	9/12/22
Check on the status of FD monitoring	Dave	9/12/22
Review the brochures that were brought to the 8/1 meeting	Dave	9/12/22

Ask Emily Manns (Peterborough) to speak to us at 9/12 meeting	Kathy	9/12/22
Order 100% solution from thrift books	Kathy	9/12/22
Approach the Bookery at working with us to discuss 100% solution	Kathy/Michelle	9/12/22
Prepare residential weatherization packet	Michelle	9/12/22
Work with Judy Forty @ getting 100% solution (digital and paper) from other libraries	Michelle	9/12/22