

Mason Energy Commission

Meeting August 2, 2021

- 7:08pm Meeting started

Attendees: Joe Harney, Garth Fletcher, Darrell Scott, Michelle Scott (moderator), Curt Spacht, Dave Morrison, Dick Stockdale

Consensus was yes, to continue attending BOS and PB meetings

Consensus was ok for next meeting 13-Sep

Minutes from last meeting approved by voting members, (Dave Morrison, Dick Stockdale, Michelle Scott) Motion by Michelle, seconded by Dave.

- Discussion of highway barn energy monitoring.

Bill showing \$0 due passed onto Michelle showing work done for donation receipt purposes, and this will be shared with Town finance person. Michelle will create an IRS-ready letter for the Town to send to DeVincentis Electric LLC.

The unit has been installed and is likely operational. Haven't figured out how to connect to it and monitor the results. Study of the user manual in progress. Garth will help Dave with getting this information. We later decided to have this available for Old Home Day (OHD).

- Discussion of MEC Energy Education flyer.

There were 20 flyers next to the town clerks office. An updated flyer with a fall theme will be produced in time for Old Home Days 11-Sep. Responsible person: Dick

- Discussion of Eversource double billing status.

Darrell needs to look at latest bills, need to get from Brenda or Jen, not sure who after relaxation of covid restrictions.

- Discussion of social media contacts.

There is a Facebook page - Curt posted a picture of the flyer, 4 comments so far. Also, there has been low traffic to the energy web site, most likely just MEC members.

Michelle to check with Diane Varney Parker to see if sophomore son would be interested in helping out.

- Discussion of Old Home Day (9/11).

Have flyers. Curt has 3 solar panels that might be used for demo purposes - Garth to see what is needed to get them operational.

Have MEC banner, but don't know where it is.

Include construction advice flyers.

Contact Harei to see if they have any material that can be used to promote solar.

Dave volunteered a solar calculator device.

- Discussion of Garth's solar feasibility tool.

Some results from Mark Arsenault's data. See if Mark is ok with sharing the data or anonymizing it.

- Discussion of EVs and Charging.

Demand charging is a major sticking point. Peterborough has apparently figured out a solution, but it isn't clear.

- Discussion of Grants.

Dave could really use an electric pickup truck. There may be CENH money available in grant form. There may be funds available from the infrastructure bill.

Joe to check into the CENH to see what is available.

- Discussion of MEC member projects.:

Dave is getting power run to his house - need for fiber internet was a driving factor. This is turning out to be an expensive project, and he's losing his reputation as "Guy Off the Grid".

Darrell is looking at geothermal. Not in the very near future, but researching feasibility.

Joe wondering about chimney options with oil furnace. Joe is wondering about how to get rid of his chimney for the oil furnace due to it being in the way. What about mini-splits?

Dick is looking at solar panels but has tree issues. Dave's tool for solar siting may assist Dick, (and maybe we can offer this as a service thru the website?? Michelle's afterthought 8/6)

Michelle and Darrell just bought a Toyota Rav4 hybrid—getting 40-47 mph/g Michelle is wondering why can't this technology get even better?

- 8:48 Michelle made motion to adjourn, Dave 2nd, adjourned. See Action Items next page

Action Item

Person Responsible

Date due

Info

Done

Action Item	Person Responsible	Date due	Info	Done
Make copies of the Hwy Barn energy use info for OHD	Dave with Garth's help	Aug 31	We would like to have a copy at OHD& next meet	Y
Get copies of the latest Eversource bills from Town	Darrell Scott	Sept 13	Maybe offer this info to BOS?	
MEC educational flyer to invite more people to connect with ways to save \$\$ and decr fossil fuel use. Use at OHD	Dick Stockdale	Aug 15	Maybe 15 copies or more? For OHD One copy in plastic for Table copy	Y
Send letter to Town acknowledging DiVincentis' donation of electrician's services valued at \$395.	Michelle Scott	Aug 9	This is both a thank you and will service for his tax report	
Check and see if we can find another Mason teen to help get our msg on Energy out to more people	Michelle	Aug 7	Not sure if we should ask if he wants to serve as Youth rep to MEC? Ask 9/13 meeting	
Search for MEC banner for OHD Is it in Town Hall upstairs? Or Mann House upstairs?	Kathy/Barbara Devore or anyone who has info!	Aug 31	We sort of recall having a banner, but due to length of time since last OHD, ??	Y
Print out 20 copies of Liz's Planning Board or Building Inspector (I'm not sure which one) home construction suggestions for siting/plantings	Michelle	Aug 31	I will get these to Kathy for OHD	Y
Contact Harei solar to see if they have any suggestions for promoting solar DYI at OHD	Garth who is a member!	Aug 31	This is for use on OHD. Michelle will print out 2 copies of their FAQ @OHD table	Y
Solar feasibility guide from Garth for our OHD table. Mark A, and Curt/Kathy arrays?	Garth	Aug 31	Someone else can print this out if that is needed. Only 1-3 copies?	Y
How can a Town get around demand charges if they have a charging station?	Anyone?	Sept 13	Maybe we can get more info on this before next meeting, so it is clear how it works, and how maybe small towns could be subsidized, or make it pay!	

Clean Energy NH (CENH) may have some grants that MEC could use for energy saving for Mason. Street lights, Town Hwy Barn solar, an EV pickup? And maybe other projects...	Joe Harney	Sept 13	Look for energy grant \$\$\$, thru CENH or elsewhere.	
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