

Approved Minutes for The Renewable Energy Task Force

Remote Meeting on August 17, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Present were Rob Wills, Tom Whitcomb and Bev Edwards, forming a quorum.

The meeting notes for the July 20 meeting were approved.

Bev Edwards announced an upcoming meeting for regional towns interested in Community Power Plans and aggregations. It will be held on August 25 between 4-5:30 PM, organized by the Monadnock Hub. Zoom info will be coming.

Tom Whitcomb announced that he has been in discussions with Henry Herndon from Clean Energy NH regarding joining the Community Power NH organizing group, and that he expects to be on that committee.

Tom Whitcomb then shared his rough draft of a project management document he created as a written structure for guiding the Task Force's process and next steps.

A discussion about the impact of Covid-19 on the Task Force's plans for action in 2021 followed. It included funding concerns for any recommendations for renewable energy installations and impacts on the Task Force's process – no Harvest Festival booth to provide information, presumably no in-person public hearings for presenting recommendations or in-person Town Meeting for voting on any warrant article we might have put forward.

The consensus was that our focus for 2021 should be on establishing a Community Power Plan and having a solar array design ready to implement when it becomes viable and cost-effective.

Rob Wills presented solar pathfinder photos from his study of the area under consideration for the installation of a municipal solar array.

Tom Whitcomb suggested that the Task Force visit the suggested area. Rob moved that we schedule that for Saturday, August 29 at 4 PM. Bev Edwards seconded the motion, which was then voted on and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Edwards

