

**Town of Boscawen
ENERGY COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Edward J. Cherian, Jr – Chair, Charles Niebling – Vice Chair, Gary Tillman, Nate Preisendorfer & Matthew Burdick – Ex-Officio

Chair Cherian opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Cherian completed roll call.

Minutes:

Vice Chair Niebling motioned to accept the 6/13/23 draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Tillman. All in favor. None opposed.

New Business:

Kearsarge Energy: There has been no formal proposal brought forward, so there was no action needed at this time.

Old Business:

Finalize FAQ, Brochure & Postcard: The Committee reviewed the latest draft of the brochure, FAQ and postcard prior to the meeting and provided any necessary edits. The next steps would be to finalize the drafts, decide how many to print, and decide where the materials should be distributed. The locations chosen were the Town Clerk's office, the Town Office lobby, the Library, Black Forest Nursery, the Thirty Pines bulletin board, and Chief's Pizza, as well as the town website, Facebook pages, and the Newsvine. Vice Chair Niebling asked if there would be any committees present at Old Home Day. Chair Cherian said the Planning Board and the Agricultural Commission will have tables. Chair Cherian suggested placing 10 brochures on the Planning Board table and 10 brochures on the AgComm table. All concurred. PCD staff will print 200 copies of the brochure for distribution. Vice Chair Niebling spoke with Deputy Planning & Community Development Director Kearsten O'Brien and Planning & Community Development Assistant Kara Gallagher about setting up a link in the Town Resource Center on the Town Website to a "Boscawen Community Power" page. They suggested discussing this topic with Town Administrator Katie Phelps. The proposed webpage would have the paragraph from the postcard, a link to the FAQ sheet, and a link to the brochure. Eventually Vice Chair Niebling would like to have a slideshow and information about the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) linked on the page as well.

Prep/Plans for Public Meetings: Chair Cherian asked if Henry Herndon of CPCNH had confirmed his attendance for the Public Hearings in September and November. Vice Chair Niebling said he

has not heard back. Chair Cherian will follow up with Mr. Herndon. Vice Chair Niebling said there should be mini presentation prepared for the Hearings. Chair Cherian said he would ask Mr. Herndon if CPCNH had any material the Committee could use.

Other Business:

Chair Cherian said he'd like a future project to be LED lighting. He and former Town Administrator Alan Hardy worked on this in the past with Unitil, but it never came to pass. The tariff has come around and is \$30,000+ per year for the town to pay for the sodium vapor lights. Installing LED lighting could potentially cut that bill down to around \$8,000. This topic will be added to the next agenda.

Mr. Tillman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Preisendorfer. All in favor. None opposed.

Next Meeting & Public Hearing: September 23rd, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kara Gallagher.