

Town Of Kennebunk

EESC meeting

Minutes of June 15, 2023

This meeting of the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Committee (EESC) was convened at 6:30 PM by Chair Dater. Members attending were A. Dater, M. Bartenhagen, L. Miller-Cleary, Dennis Dow and W. Berry. Not present S. Negley and SB liaison L. Pratt

Agenda item 3.

The committee heard a presentation, followed by a Q & A, from Joe Hardy of the Town of Wells Energy Efficiency Committee regarding the Town of Wells participating in a share purchase agreement from a solar electricity farm in Rumford. Wells contracted for the farm owner/operator to supply approximately 90% of municipal electricity demand through a net metering agreement with CMP to deliver to approximately 40 various municipal metering accounts. The decision to award the contract from various RFPs was made by the Wells Select Board primarily based on a discount of 28% from the Standard Offer rate for electricity placed by the State of Maine PUC over the 20-year period of the purchase agreement.

Since its inception the Town has discovered it is using less electricity than anticipated and the net metering agreement with CMP is a "use it or lose it" contract. An outside management contractor has been hired to effect a more equitable distribution and billing for each municipal user. The EESC members had numerous questions for Hardy and thanked him for his presentation and participation.

M. Bartenhagen gave an update on the CAT Force activities and interaction with other Towns in the cohort, particularly Kennebunkport, as we share a tidal river. The Kennebunk CATF is looking to hold a sounding board meeting for interested parties June 20 facilitated by consultant Carol Morris.

Barrtenhagen also reported that there may also be a study from University of Maine Engineering Department regarding sea level rise in the Dock Square area of Kennebunk, perhaps offering collaboration with Kennebunkport.

Agenda item 4.

Composting Task Force. Nothing to report, but the EESC received an email from L. Pratt suggesting that because interest in membership in the newly formed Kennebunk Composting Committee has not materialized as hoped perhaps the Composting Committee members could be folded back into the EESC. A discussion ensued as to the total number of members allowed on the EESC with L. Cleary offering 5 members with 2 alternates. A motion followed that EESC is willing to

absorb Compost Committee members as allowed by by-laws and by appointment by the SB - 5/0/1.

Agenda item 5. LED Street Light Conversion - no further information is available regarding status of LD 1845 or the Real Term report.

Dater submitted a letter to go to Kennebunk SB and KLPD promoting LED lighting in conformance with LD1845 standards and shielding options. The EESC decided it might be premature and presumptive and will wait before sending as a Committee.

Agenda item 2.

Minutes of April 27 were approved by majority vote of those present at that meeting. Because the EESC lacked a quorum at the May 18 meeting, the summary submitted will be considered workshop notes.

Agenda 6., And 7.

The next meeting of the EESC is scheduled for Thursday July 27 at **5:00 PM**. Please note change in time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM