



TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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Pembroke Energy Committee April 25th, 2022 7:00 PM

1. Call to order & attendance
2. Review and acceptance of March 28th, 2022 minutes
3. Energy Survey
4. Next Steps for Community Power Outreach
5. Action Items
6. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 19:08.

Attendees in person: JJ Smith, Pentti Aalto, Richard Wengenroth, Matt Miller, Jackie Wengenroth

Not present: Karen Yeaton

Meeting Start: 19:08

March 28 minutes--accept minutes as written.

Energy Survey

1. Short discussion about the April 6 Community Power workshop. The Energy Aggregation Plan (EAP) is ~95% complete and the only real issues are the town residents' awareness and support of the EAP. It is expected that the enrollment mechanism will be the most controversial aspect of the plan and usually once people understand how the plan works, they support an Opt-Out enrollment mechanism. All 7 of the NH towns that have approved their EAPs already selected the Opt-Out enrollment mechanism.
2. PEC plans on releasing a survey within Pembroke for the purpose of advancing Community Power awareness and to get some feedback from residents on energy topics.
 - a. ACTION ITEM: each PEC member to contemplate what is the purpose of the survey and how to achieve the purpose?
 - b. Survey format. One option is to use Google Forms and make it accessible to Pembroke Speaks and Pembroke Taxpayers facebook sites. Another option is to create paper versions and make those available at the library (need a way to hand them in), possibly town hall. Paper versions of a survey can also be handed out to participants in future workshops and presentations.
 - c. Some debate about the length of the survey; 5 to 10 questions.
 - d. Depending on the purpose of the survey, frame questions to spur people to think about electricity supply topics, such as price volatility, cost, renewables content, time of use considerations, etc.
3. There was some discussion on how to get help from CPCNH to help people develop a group net metering program, such as by providing a legal framework template.

Next Steps for Community Power Outreach

1. Approach local businesses to create awareness, possibly attract participation in a local business seminar on community power. Here are a few Pembroke businesses to start reaching out to.
 1. Associated Grocers of NE
 2. Dirt Doctors
 3. Belletetes of Pembroke
 4. Pitco Frialator Inc. Warehouse
 5. The Wine'ing Butcher Gourmet Market

6. Krazy Kids Indoor Play and Party Center (is this the school JJ was referring to??)
2. Plan something interactive for the Pembroke Old Home Days in late August
3. Revisit Women's club, Conservation Committee, School Board, etc to update
4. Get some liaisons with Capital Improvement Committee, School Board
 1. JJ volunteers for the CIP
 2. Jackie and Pentti volunteer for the School Board
 3. ACTION ITEM: Richard to ask David for permission to have energy committee liaison with CIP.
 4. ACTION ITEM: Matt to schedule a meeting with Andy Camidge to explore energy topics related to the School addition project.

Update on Olivewood Solar Farm project:

1. Project is about one year behind original schedule.
2. Site prep will be performed around winter 2023.
3. Construction will mainly occur in 2024.
4. Expectation is for electricity generation to begin by the end of 2024.

Calculations on carbon emissions from various fuels:

1. Pentti shared some calculations comparing theoretical CO₂ emissions from natural gas, oil, wood, and coal.

Action Item Summary

1. Richard will send Karen the Q1 PEC summary.
2. Richard to ask David for permission to have an energy committee liaison with CIP.
3. Matt to schedule a meeting with Andy Camidge to explore energy topics related to the School addition project.
4. Each PEC member to contemplate what is the purpose of the survey and how to achieve the purpose. Add comments to the survey draft at this link:
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bD5SbQgD7W7brcXmcWJ3NzYNz2r3Y0hygvxViSwlDbQ/edit>

Next meeting is May 23 at 19:00 in the Pembroke Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:14