Energy Committee Remote Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025

Attendee

Co-Chair - Brian Boyle Co-Chair - Bob Higgins-Steele David Spencer Kristin Savage (absent) Harry Irwin - (author)



- 1. Public Comment None
- 2. Minutes Approved February and March still need to be approved
- 3. New Committee members Vince needs to stand before the Select Board
- 4. Landfill Solar Project -
- 1. The Climate Action Committee, Select Board and the FinCom approved the Warrant for the Solar array at Transfer station unanimously
- 2. The town of Orleans used Titan Energy to write the Solar RFP, Submit to Town Council for review, oversee the bid process and bid opening. They do this work at their own expense. They received bids from My Generation Energy and Solect Energy. Brian will investigate Titan and find out what the process is and what their "fee" is. The EC will stay in contact with Orleans about their progress with Titan and their progress on the solar bids.

5. School Department Meeting

- 1. School Superintendent meeting with Stephanie, Kristin, Chris, Harry and Jarrod about <u>Green School Works</u>.
 - Roof Insulation Jarrod requested a CO to price additional insulation under the new roof included with the new roof top HVAC unit. The work will be done this summer.
 - Windows being replaced with the assistance of a Green School Grant. The windows are double glazed. They are not leaking or drafty. But they are 30 years old.
 - Solar Panels on new roofs was not part of this work, yet.
 - Roof Material is price as EDPM. A PVC roof like Sarnafil has a much longer life expectancy. If we add solar panels to all the available roofs with would be better to have a roof that will outlast the 25 + years of the solar panels. HI will check if the roof is rated for 130 MPH.
 - Power Options The School Department needs a signed contract with Power Options
 - <u>Electric School Buses</u> To become a climate Teader we can apply for a planing or an action grant. Electricity fleet. The applied to Electric School Bus program is run by Power Options was the vendor for this program. Bob Weinstein alerted us to expect unusually



long lead times for larger electric vehicles once the order is placed. Charging Station for buses will be at the Library. Kristin to clarify who buys (orders) the electric school buses - the town or the vendor.

Green School Works- Funds are needed to produce a schematic drawing which we don't have. The grants are large but there is a matching requirement from the town. Also the rolling application has a prerequisite before you can apply - having window less than 30 year old or your roof is insufficient (leaking water or heat?).

<u>Advanced Repair Program</u> - No matching funds to receive the grant if the school is located in an environmental justice community.

<u>Grants</u> - Jarrod will apply for either a Green School Works Grant or a shovel read Climate Leader Grants for the school work

- 6. Walsh Property Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc) The Energy committee would like to have a liaison on the Walsh committee so Energy and Sustainable building practices are baked into the evolving design options. Harry will sit in on their April 24th meeting and report back to the EC is he is interested in volunteering for that position.
- 7. **ZEV Policy** EC would like to advocate for faster implication ZEV policy. Bob HS with share Memo # 46 Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy and the Capital Improvement Plan with the entire committee. Brian volunteered to review the state procurement list of approved vehicle to see if it has been kept current with today's available products.
- 8. Ad Hoc Building Committee (DPW) David said he would call into the next meeting and give them his opinion

Next Meeting May 12, 2025 at 4 PM

5/9/2025



