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# Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

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## Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 9, 2020

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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### Purpose

The November 9, 2020 CEES meeting will focus on project updates and setting the stage for future Committee efforts.

### Agenda

Item	Agenda	Start Time
1	<b>Call to Order:</b> Election of a new Chair	<b>7:00 pm</b>
2	<b>Approval of September 9, 2020 Minutes</b>	<b>7:05 pm</b>
3	<b>Project Updates:</b> Solar PPA Community Solar LED Conversion Town Council Update/Presentation	<b>7:05 pm</b>
4	<b>Strategic Planning Discussion:</b> Committee Next Steps	<b>7:30 pm</b>
5	<b>New Business</b>	<b>8:15 pm</b>
6	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>

### Strategic Priorities & Outcomes / Next Steps (Previously Identified)

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### Materials

9.9.20 Meeting Minutes

### Board Members

Heather Abbott, Chair

Toby Ahrens

David Ertz

Kurt Adams

David Craig

Mike Sears

Chuck Parker

Scott Sherriff

Peter Fromuth

Margaret Downing

### Staff

Scott LaFlamme,

*Economic Development Director*

Nat Tupper,

*Town Manager*



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## Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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### Approval of August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Heather Abbott brought the September 9, 2020 meeting to order at 7:03pm. Peter Fromuth moved to approve the August 12, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Toby Ahrens and approved unanimously.

### Community Choice Aggregation Energy

P. Fromuth provided the group with an overview of what Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) energy is and its potential fit in Yarmouth. Generally, CCA allows local jurisdictions, municipalities, or regions to procure electricity at a wholesale rate. There are a growing number of states in New England that have implemented state laws allowing for CCA. P. Fromuth provided several positive attributes of a program, along with ongoing questions:

- While municipalities/counties/regions often administer electrical energy procurement for residents, CCA's operate through voluntary participation. Residents can choose to either participate in the CCA or continue accessing electricity through their normal provider.
- CCAs provide enhanced pricing power, which has resulted in significantly lower energy rates in other states.
- Use of alternative energy is often a component of a CCA, which allows homeowners to power through green energy without the capital investment.
- Other states have seen significant employment spinoff, spurring local renewable energy development.

#### Ongoing questions:

- Do CCA's provide comparable energy performance?
- While legislation exists in other states, Maine does not currently allow for CCAs.
- With the Town and School Department offloading their electrical energy needs through the PPA, does the residential and commercial base provide enough critical mass?
- There are several administrative logistics that would need to be explored, in order to make a local CCA possible.

### Board Members Present

Heather Abbott, Chair  
Toby Ahrens  
David Craig  
Chuck Parker  
Scott Sherriff  
Peter Fromuth  
Margaret Downing

### Staff

Scott LaFlamme,  
*Economic Development Director*  
Nat Tupper,  
*Town Manager*



S. LaFlamme asked whether other communities were already looking into this? Is there an existing municipal coalition to help drive policy in Augusta? Prior to the group's next meeting, Peter will reach out to legislators and other communities to see if traction was building.

### **Yarmouth Community Solar Farm**

D. Ertz was absent from the meeting and the item was tabled.

### **Project Updates**

S. LaFlamme provided the group with updates on the solar PPA project and LED streetlight conversion project. The Town was still waiting for ReVision to select their partner investor, to finalize the Town's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Once selected, the agreement is set to be signed. S. LaFlamme also reported that RealTerm Energy was continuing to work on the investment grade audit and would report back to the Town when it was completed.

### **New Business**

Resident Bill Dunn, who reported to the Committee in August regarding LD 1646, addressed the Committee to gain feedback on the information for LD 1646 that was distributed after the last meeting. Overall, the feedback from the committee was positive, although P. Fromuth had some questions on the composition of the Task Force established to look into the legislation alternatives.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned, upon mutual consent at 8:15pm.

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2	<b>Community Choice Aggregation Energy</b> – Peter F.	<b>7:05 pm</b>
3	<b>Yarmouth Community Solar Farm:</b> Next Steps	<b>8:00 pm</b>
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