
Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Purpose

The September 9, 2020 CEES meeting will begin with a brief presentation from Peter Fromuth on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) energy. The committee will then follow up on last meeting's community solar farm discussion and open for new business.

Agenda

Item	Agenda	Start Time
1	Call to Order/Greetings: Approval of August 12, 2020 Minutes	7:00 pm
2	Community Choice Aggregation Energy – Peter F.	7:05 pm
3	Yarmouth Community Solar Farm: Next Steps	8:00 pm
4	New Business	8:15 pm
5	Adjourn	9:00 pm

Materials

8.12.20 Meeting Minutes (to be provided)

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

Strategic Priorities & Outcomes / Next Steps (Previously Identified)

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Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Approval of July 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Toby Ahrens brought the July 8, 2020 CEES meeting to order at 7:05pm. After reviewing the July 8, 2020 meeting minutes, David Ertz moved to accept as written. Scott Sherriff seconded the motion, which was passed without discussion

Yarmouth Community Solar Farm: Next Steps

- To provide context for the resident present, D. Ertz provided a historic overview of the Town's past efforts to program a solar farm on the CMP pole yard and municipal property on Sligo Road.
- Given the recent change in solar development legislation, there is ongoing interest from private companies to perhaps develop the Sligo Road site, however, logistic pitfalls remain.
- The committee discussed possible development partnership scenarios, where the Town could own and lease the space to a private solar development company with help from a non-profit entity. S. LaFlamme suggested that a local development corporation, which is soon going in front of the Town Council for consideration, could play that role. The group was interested in this possibility.
- A. Humphrey suggested preparing an updated project overview for the site, to get feedback on the viability of a community solar project at this location. D. Ertz volunteered to pull information together for that.
- While discussing solar energy, S. LaFlamme provided a brief update on ongoing PPA negotiations between the Town's legal counsel and Revision. Final edits were being made and the agreement was due to be finalized any day.

LED Streetlight Conversion Update

S. LaFlamme provided the group with an overview of the kickoff meeting for the project with RealTerm Energy. An aggressive schedule was laid out, with the investment grade audit portion of the contract happening through the fall. Staff was finalizing CMP buyout terms and secondary funding for installing new LED streetlights. D. Craig, who was present at the kickoff meeting, echoed those updates and mentioned that the committee will be asked, at some point during the project, to provide design input.

New Business

Since last meeting, the Army Corps of Engineers finalized their Federal Interest Determination (FID) report on the Royal River dams and old spoils pile adjacent to the

Board Members Present

Toby Ahrens, Vice Chair
David Ertz
David Craig
Chuck Parker
Scott Sherriff
Margaret Downing
April Humphrey, Town Council
Liaison

Staff

Scott LaFlamme,
Economic Development
Director

Residents

Bill Dunn



Town's commercial boat launch. D. Craig provided a thorough overview of what the report included.

- There was federal interest in both potential projects.
- If the Town Council chose to follow through with a market study, the Federal government would share 50% of that expense. Unfortunately, the study could be very expensive.
- Should the Town follow through with the initial study, the Federal government would share 70% of remediation costs.
- The Town Council has not taken any action on the topic.

The group agreed to wait until the Town Council decided next step but remains open to taking on the project when it makes sense.

B. Dunn joined the meeting to share information on LD 1464, which would establish the Maine Power Delivery Authority. Representative Seth Berry has introduced the legislation, which would develop a task force to look at non-profit, consumer owned utilities.

Adjourn

The August 12, 2020 CEES meeting adjourned at 8:01pm upon mutual consent.

