
Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:00pm to 8:30pm

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Agenda

Item	Agenda	Start Time
1	Call to Order: Welcome!	7:00 pm
2	Approval of May 12, 2021, Minutes	7:05 pm
3	Sligo Road Community Solar Project Update: Public Education	7:05 pm
4	Public Education Next Steps	7:35 pm
5	Ongoing Project/Policy Update(s): Community Solar, EV, etc.	8:00 pm
6	Adjourn	8:30 pm

Board Members

Toby Ahrens, Chair

David Ertz

Kurt Adams

Mike Sears

Chuck Parker

Scott Sherriff

Peter Fromuth

Bill Dunn

VACANCY

Anna Siegel, Student Liaison

April Humphrey, Town Council

Meeting Materials

- 5.12.21 Meeting Minutes

Staff

Scott LaFlamme,

Economic Development Director

Nat Tupper,

Town Manager



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Approval of April 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Chair, Toby Ahrens, brought the May 12, 2021, CEES meeting to order at 7:00pm. David Ertz moved to approve the April 14, 2021, meeting minutes. Peter Fromuth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LED Conversion Update

Prior to the next item, S. LaFlamme and N. Tupper provided the Committee with an update on the Town's investment grade audit for its LED streetlight conversion project. One remaining question is whether the Town should invest in smart city controls as fixtures are upgraded. The additional \$60,000 would allow the Town to remotely identify light outages, dim/brighten fixtures and in the future allow bundling of Wi-Fi repeaters and other technology to the fixtures. The Committee agreed to endorse the expense, but not at the expense of delaying the project any further.

Pine Tree Power: Bill Dunn

Committee member and member of Our Power, Bill Dunn, provided the Committee with an overview of the Pine Tree Power initiative, along with current legislative updates. Our Power's goal is to facilitate a publicly owned and operated electrical utility, replacing both Central Maine Power and Versant Power. B. Dunn outlined the group's goals and problems with Maine's current electrical utility structure. The full presentation is included in minutes.

Project Update

- D. Ertz provided an update on the community solar project. Flycatcher LLC, the wetland delineation firm that the Town contracted for site work on Sligo Road, passed along shape files outlining their findings. RFP materials for the CSF concept have been made available to interested developers, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for May 18th. Proposals are due on June 11th.
- Toby reported that Mike Sears was making progress to clear out the fishways at the Bridge Street dam.
- S. LaFlamme provided an update to the Committee on three EV Hyundai Kona's that the leased from Rowe Hyundai in Westbrook. Thanks to help from Peter Fromuth, the Town was able to lease the three vehicles for three years at \$0 per month. N. Tupper is finalizing the lease agreement and they should be delivered soon.

T. Ahrens adjourned at 8:30pm upon mutual consent.

Board Members Present

Toby Ahrens
Scott Sherriff
Peter Fromuth
David Ertz
David Craig
Bill Dunn
April Humphrey, Town Council
Anna Siegel, Student Liaison

Staff

Scott LaFlamme,
Nat Tupper

Members of the Public



