

GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 2018-5PM
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

The regular meeting of the Grantham Energy Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018 by co-chair Chenevert.

Members Present: Jenna Chenevert, Peggy Martineau, Paula Bresnick, Michael Salo, Susan Goodwin and Don Fitzpatrick

Visitors Present: Kim Quirk

Co-chair Chenevert moved New Business- Mascoma Valley Energy Expo to the top of the agenda.

New Business-Mascoma Valley Energy and Sustainability Expo:

Kim Quirk spoke about this event which will happen on September 29, 2018 from 10 am to 3 pm. It will include multiple Intro and Advanced Classes on topics that include Button-Up, Solar 101 and High-Efficiency Home Heating. There will be vendor presentations, including the City of Lebanon and Liberty Electric demonstrating a battery pilot program. The Key note speaker will be Henry Herndon, Director of the NH Sustainable Energy Association.

Kim invited the GEC to attend and act as sponsors by advertising the event in as many ways as possible. She also asked for a donation to pay for the lunch. She asked for volunteers to help with the set up and during the event. The GEC decided it is a worthwhile project for this fall. The Committee thanked Kim for the presentation and the invitation.

Approval of June Minutes: Fitzpatrick moved to approve the June minutes and Bresnick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

June Solar Show & Tell: Co-chair Chenevert stated the tour had low attendance, perhaps due to the rainy weather.

Town Solar Project: Co-chair Chenevert spoke with Melissa White, Town Administrator about the solar array proposal on the Buckey property. The Town and School are still interested in it. Susan Goodwin noted that Eversource had been recently approved for a rate hike of 19% by the PUC.

The Committee talked about another Forum with the Select Board, Melissa White, Sydney Leggett, Superintendent of SAU 75 and Kevin Davis of Norwich Technologies. The Committee will work on questions for Kevin before this meeting is scheduled.

New Business:

“Plug in America” in New London, NH: Some Committee members attended and commented on the lower number of vendors than the previous Electric Car Shows.

Mascoma Valley Energy Expo: See Above

Monthly Meetings: The Committee decided to continue monthly meetings at this time.

The next scheduled meeting of the GEC is on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Grantham Town Hall.

Adjournment: Bresnick made a move to adjourn. Salo seconded it at 5:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.