

Energy Efficiency Task Force

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2022

Members in Attendance: Deb Paul, Martha Smith, Ron Dunn, Richard Darveau, Bob Pitre, Ray Breslin, Doug Thomas

Absent: Kevin Foley, Susan Furey, Mike Speltz

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:00pm.

New Business:

1) Presentation by Josh Bourdon and Jeff Mullen Net Zero

- Using solar energy to bring down the tax rate
- Derry needs 4 mega watts to power the Town and School
- Cap has been raised to 5 mega watts for Towns and Schools
- Energy will be sold back to Eversource
- Derry focused on code updates so all Solar projects had guidelines
- Derry added to there Energy Committee ie: Building, School, Town, Engineers, residents
- There is a free EPA tool that all info gets put into to calculate efficiency
- A Selectman and School board member from Hampstead were in attendance to get information.

Updates:

1. Set Communication Rule
 - Martha Smith will be the contact person with the Town
2. Energy Week Virtual Meetings
 - Bob and Martha will view the presentations April 11 – 15
3. Protocol when addressing outside agencies
 - All communication goes through Deb
4. Federal and State Tax Credits
 - Bob and Ray both said they called NH Saves and were told the program ended. Doug mentioned that new funding has been approved.
 - Bob and Mike are going to work on Tax Credits and Grants.
 - Doug will find out more information on NH Saves
5. Mike was absent and his presentation will be done on April 21st
6. Rick spoke briefly about solar companies. He had contact and company names and will be forwarding this information to Deb who will forward on to the group.

Public Comment:

-Ann Champa said we should consider watching the virtual presentation on Electric Cars.

Misc:

-Martha spoke about an energy audit that was done in 2009

-Bob said we need an energy audit on all Town Buildings

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Motion made by Ron, Second by Ray

Minutes for the March 17th meeting were approved by 6 – 0 vote. Doug abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

Adjourned:

Motion made by Doug and seconded by Ron, Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes compiled by Ron Dunn