

Approved Meeting notes from Temple Renewable Energy Task Force

May 18, 2020, 7 PM

Attendees were Rob Wills, Deb Deleso, Thom Whitcomb, Laura Lynch and Bev Edwards.

Chairman, Rob Wills called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 27 were read and approved.

Bev announced that, at the last Select Board meeting, the BOS approved having Temple join other NH towns in signing a letter from Clean Energy NH encouraging our state legislators and Governor Sununu to support legislation extending the cap for net-metered projects in NH towns. Bev relayed their approval to CENH, so Temple is now listed as one of the signers.

Rob announced the upcoming virtual Summit on Community Power sponsored by Clean Energy NH (CENH) and encouraged members to join him in attending on June 5, from 1-4 PM.

The Task Force then began a lengthy discussion about the information on Community Power which had been presented to us at our previous meeting by Henry Herndon, the Director of Local Solutions at CENH. There was unanimous support for further inquiry regarding the benefits and opportunities of CP to provide greater local control and cost savings for the electricity needs of our residents and businesses.

Laura Lynch moved to request that the Select Board appoint our Task Force to be an exploratory Community Power committee to further examine whether to recommend the establishment of a CP plan for Temple. Deb Deleso seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rob asked Bev to make that request of the Select Board and she agreed.

There was a brief discussion about the probable financial limitations resulting from the pandemic's draws on local, state and federal budgets that could impact the installation of the solar project the Task Force had been working on and hoped to recommend. But Rob pointed out that there could also be a realignment of investments toward renewable energy infrastructure which could provide stimulus packages for local solar installations.

The next Zoom meeting was scheduled for June 15 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Edwards