

Approved Meeting Notes for The Renewable Energy Task Force
Remote Meeting on April 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

In attendance were Chairman Rob Wills, Thomas Whitcomb, Deb DeIseo, Laura Lynch, Bev Edwards and two guests.

Rob introduced our guests - Joshua Singer, the newly appointed Coordinator of Local Solutions at Clean Energy NH and Keith Charleton from Temple's Community Advisory Committee. With respect for their time, Rob announced that we would approve the minutes of the previous meeting following their visits.

Rob then invited Mr. Singer to speak about the information he came to share with us about CENH's upcoming webinars and their efforts to secure beneficial outcomes from a number of state legislative bills regarding energy conservation and renewable energy programs. After inviting us to join the various CENH webinars and to participate in writing testimonials and/or attending legislative hearings to express our interests, he welcomed our questions. Tom asked about the status of legislation that would impact the development of Community Power programs. Mr. Singer's answer was a mixed picture with some of the bills having a potentially negative influence and others positive.

Bev asked about updated federal and state financing opportunities for grants and low-interest loans for renewable energy projects. The response was that there are reasons for hope, but no present increases in financing assistance. The bottom line was that we were advised to proceed with our plans and be ready to apply for help when it might become available, possibly within the next 6 months to a year.

Mr. Charleton spoke about the value of having our Task Force working in coordination with the Community Advisory Committee and other town committees and boards, and he expressed appreciation for Rob's recent visit to the CAC to present our plans for a municipal solar array.

After thanking our guests for their participation, we discussed our plans moving forward. We decided to cancel our previous plan for presenting our proposal for the reservation of a section of town-owned land for the potential municipal solar installation. It was agreed that it would be useful for our members to observe the

April 21 Land Use Meeting to learn what plans are already under consideration, but wait for more clarity regarding the most appropriate town boards for the initial presentation of our proposal.

We then read and approved the minutes of our March 29 meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Edwards