

Bolton Energy Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021
Bolton Town Office

Members present: Henry Corse, Juliette Juillerat (Chair), Jeremy Knepper, Peter Schoen

Members absent: Lexie Haselton

Others: None

Clerk: Carol Devlin

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Juliette Juillerat.
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: There were none.
3. Public Comment: There were none.
4. Recurring Business: Approve March 11, 2021 minutes. Juliette Juillerat made the motion *“to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.”* Peter Schoen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
5. Group Discussions
 - Options for Solar on the Town Garage
 - The Select Board approved drafting an RFP which is the next step.
 - Jeremy Knepper will draft an RFP and seek comments from committee members. Jeremy will include funding options, options for overage and an engineering assessment in the RFP.
 - The RFP must be approved by the Select Board before it is publicized.
 - The Energy Committee may have a special meeting to discuss the RFP.
 - Reducing Fossil Fuels – Town Office & Fire Department
 - Juliette Juillerat shared the proposal from Jack’s Heating and Air Conditioning. It covers replacing the furnace and adding a heat pump and thermostat. Total cost: \$14,000, not including electrical work.
 - The Energy Committee discussed possibilities for reducing the cost using a mini-split heat pump in the large room instead of one on the furnace.
 - The Energy Committee discussed heating with a pellet stove and decided wood fires weren’t a viable option for the Town Office.
 - Juliette will work on a cost analysis and RFP for a heat pump for the Town Office.
 - State funding for weatherization may be available for the Town Office and the Fire Department.
6. Updates as Needed
 - Town website
 - On hold while the town IT team figures out solution for the server update and possible domain change.
 - Park and Ride (P&R) options and ideas – No Update
 - Town Energy Data and Town Plan
 - The Energy Committee does not need to review it again.
 - The Planning Committee will review the Energy Plan with the CCRPC and

submit it in the next round of amendments to the Town Plan.

- Bolton Valley Rt 2 Solar – No Update

7. Next Meeting:

- The next EC meeting will be Thursday, July 8, 2021* from 6:30 to 8. [The date was incorrectly given as July 15 at the meeting and has been corrected in the minutes.]
- Dates for the meetings for the rest of 2021 are:
 - September 9, 2021
 - November 11, 2021

8. Closing: Juliette Juillerat made the motion “*to close the meeting.*” Henry Corse seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0) at 7:28 p.m.

Attest: Carol Devlin, Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Energy Committee on July 22, 2021.