

Warner Energy Committee Meeting
January 28, 2021

Present; Bill Balsam, George Packard, Sue Hemingway, Clyde Carson, Darren Blood

1. Past Meeting Minutes

It was noted that minutes previously submitted to the Selectman's office have not been posted.

2. Solar Array

Clyde is to provide updated production numbers for the Energy Committee's section of the Town Report.

3. Community Power Aggregation

A Community Power Aggregation Subcommittee has been formed and recently met. A Selectboard member from Harrisville sat in on the subcommittee meeting to provide advice as Harrisville is ahead of Warner in the pursuit of power aggregation. The subcommittee will meet once a month and report to the EC. Henry Herndon from Lebanon may also attend. Hanover, Nashua and Lebanon are all working toward community power aggregation.

HB 315 is under consideration in Concord and is considered a hindrance to community power aggregation.

Community Aggregation allows groups (communities) to negotiate better rates and/or pick power suppliers based on how the power is generated. The aggregated negotiated rate would only apply to the power purchase of the utility bill. A conservation aspect to the program for Warner was discussed. For this program to succeed, it would require support from many different groups in town.

4. Wood Bank

CAP now only handles fuel assistance, not food insecurity.

Sue put a wood bank notice in the library newsletter and has reached out to other groups in Warner who may know of clients needing support.

The wood bank needs more volunteers.

5. Weatherization Program

Nothing new to report. Eversource is still sponsoring the nhsaves grant program.

6. CIP Sidewalk Project

A warrant article for \$10k will be on the ballot at Town Meeting. There is a Public Hearing on the topic coming up next week (Thursday).

The TAP grant (FHWA/NHDOT) window is now open and Warner has submitted a letter of interest. The Selectboard has supported the project/warrant article. Diane (Town Administrator) has attended the required NHDOT LPA training to manage the project.

7. Town Report Update

Darren will draft and distribute to the EC for comment.

8. Other

There are two (2) open spots on the Budget Committee.

Next meeting scheduled for February 24, 2021.