

## **DRAFT - KENSINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 16, 2024**

**Call to Order:** 1:39pm

**In attendance:** Kensington Energy Committee (KEC) members Charlie Horn, Zeke Schmois, Steve Sniderman, Bart Wu, Susan Varn, and Select Board member Bob Gustafson

**Minutes approved:** Draft minutes from 3.19.24 were approved.

### **COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE** *(no separate CP meeting today at 2:30)*

- \* Official launch for community power in Kensington is May 30
- \* CPCNH letter introducing/explaining community power to all households will arrive May 1
- \* We will be on the agenda May 6 Select Board meeting for public Q+A re: community power
- \* We will host a public Q+A on community power May 7, 1:30pm; CPCNH Andrew Hatch will attend
- \* CPCNH will publicize the May 7 event; we will submit a press release to Seacoast papers (SVarn)
- \* CPCNH is providing a banner, posters, cards, and post signs, delivered to CHorn's home
- \* ZSchmois will continue to publicize community power info and field Qs on Facebook

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **Kensington Elementary School**

- \* CHorn and SVarn will meet with Kensington School Board May 8, 6pm re: KES energy upgrades
- \* We are working with Joe Hill/Unitil NH Saves and KKasper/CleanEnergyNH re: KES energy audit
- \* Affinity Lighting is a potential vendor for LED replacement at KES
- \* Financing options for LED are very encouraging, but decisions up to SAU16
- \* KES small-size project can show town what our committee can do; entry point for more
- \* We can collect info from other towns that have done this work successfully

#### **Other potential projects**

- \* Other energy upgrade possibilities: Town Hall, Library, Grange, Church...
- \* Sawyer Park lighting is also of interest; would need to work with Sawyer Kensington Trust

#### **Kensington Home Energy Program (KHEP)**

- \* CHorn and SSniderman have posted their videos; ZSchmois may be next with EVs
- \* JPraded (Biomass) and SVarn (Solar) next.

### **NEXT ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday May 7 at 1:30, Town Hall *(coinciding with the public meeting on community power)*

**Meeting adjourned:** 2:29pm, followed by a Tesla truck demo by ZSchmois!

**Submitted by:** Susan Varn