

**Tamworth Energy Committee Minutes**  
**September 4, 2023 Tamworth Town House 3:00 pm**

**Present:** Ted Morgan, John Kumm, Gabrielle Watson, Ellen Farnum, David Kunhardt (remote)

**Call to Order:** 3:04

**Approval of August 21<sup>st</sup> minutes:**

**Motion to approve:** Gabrielle W.,

Second: John K.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Button Up Workshop Planning for September 19th:**

Tamworth Energy Committee (TEC) members discussed the upcoming Button Up Workshop.

- **Publicity:** The Town Office has printed handouts/flyers for the workshop, and Gabrielle W. has already posted some of these in Moultonborough and at the local PO and at the South Tamworth PO.  
TEC members will distribute the remaining flyers.
- **Technology:** We will need the access code for the internet, and a practice slot (preferably on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon) Gabrielle will need the digital PowerPoint on her computer so that she can show the slides to the Zoom audience.
- **Refreshments:** Ellen will arrange for simple refreshments if the school allows food to be served.
- **Format:** Prior to the presentation, Ted M will briefly discuss some of the work the Energy Committee has been doing. TEC members will arrive at the school at 5:45 to help set up.

**TO DO LIST**

**Ted:**

*Post Flyers at the Tamworth bakery, library, Town Office, Quaker Meeting House, Sandwich area.*

*Post the digital poster on the Tamworth Exchange*

**Contact the Brett School Representative and ask the following questions:**

*~ internet access code,*

*~Will we need a sound system for the cafeteria? Does the school have one we can use?*

*~find a time for the technology team (Ellen and Gabrielle) to practice with the OWL device and the projector. (Preferred time is Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after school)*

*~Can light refreshments be served in the cafeteria?*

**John:**

*~Post Flyers in Chocorua and Madison area.*

**Ellen:**

*~Post flyer on the town energy committee website.*

*~Borrow OWL and projector for practice session and for 9/19/23,*

*~Buy/organize refreshments for the event.*

**Gabrielle:**

*~contact Ted S, and ask him to send the PowerPoint/slides for the Zoom Audience*

**Cook Memorial Library Community Conversation Event**

TEC will be part of the Community Conversations sponsored by the Cook Library and Chocorua Lake Conservancy (CLC) on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The event runs from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will begin with a potluck followed by the TEC program 'Dreaming and Scheming about Tamworth's Energy Future.' Gabrielle envisions a brief presentation describing some of the things that the TEC has been doing, followed by an extensive time for community members to brainstorm their ideas and hopes for an energy future. Some of the "Brainstorming" time would be spent in Break-out groups. Gabrielle W will be the facilitator. The changing climate will present some unique opportunities, and knowing what folks are interested in will help inform future TEC goals. Gabrielle will sketch out her ideas in greater detail and will present them at our next meeting. Some conversation-starting ideas:

Can having more choice in energy providers save money and offer more independent, local control?

How do you find discounts on EV's?

How can a resident apply for Federal Tax Credits?

How can people in Tamworth influence what legislators are doing at the State House?

### **Community Power**

- TEC members have an opportunity to participate in an **informational Webinar on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12:00**. Gabrielle will attend in person, but the webinar is also available digitally.
- Two Public Hearings must be held on the Tamworth Community Power Plan 60 days before Town Meeting. Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) has provided templates for sharing information for a community studying an Electric Aggregation Plan. (These plans are available on TEC's google drive.) Note: The purpose of the meeting is to help residents of Tamworth understand the benefits of choosing to join an electric aggregation plan, have their questions answered and express their preferences. If the town votes to join a Community Power program, it then becomes the responsibility of the Selectboard (with advice from the TEC) to choose the energy provider. We are currently on track to continue with CPCNH.

### **TO DO LIST**

#### **John:**

*~ check the town and library calendars to find some potential dates for the two hearings in September, October and November.*

*Check with Town Administrator Keats Myers to find out if there are additional meetings scheduled that are not on the calendar.*

### **One-Pager on Community Power**

David shared a new version of the informational one-page document explaining Community Power, with suggested revisions. He will share the document one more time (adding a photo/logo,) and then TEC will print 40 to 50 copies and have them available for the Button-Up Workshop.

#### **David:**

*~Share document with group members,*

#### **Gabrielle:**

*~print black and white copies of the finished document.*

**Appoint a Sub-Committee:**

TEC members unanimously voted to appoint Ted M and Gabrielle W to oversee last minute details for the Button Up Workshop.

**Next Meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Cook Memorial Library**

Possible Agenda items:

1. Review plans for Button Up
2. Community Conversation, Sept 27
3. Planning Hearings on Community Power
4. Town Office audit results & next steps
5. EV charging stations -
6. Energy Committee web page - update ideas, key documents to have, revisiting Ted's earlier suggestion for content.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:50 pm

Minutes: E. Farnum