

Tamworth Energy Committee Minutes
Jan. 15, 2024, Cook Memorial Library

Call to Order: 3:45

Present: Ted Morgan, John Kumm, Ellen Farnum

Approval of Minutes from Jan. 3, 2024

Minutes unanimously approved.

K. A. Brett School Energy Audit Update:

A Level 1 Energy Audit was completed by Noah Fioravante, of GDS Associates on November 22, 2023. He was escorted by Roy Roberts, Chief custodian and was accompanied by John Kumm of TEC.

According to Administrator Heather Sherwood and School Board Chair Jack Waldron, when the school HVAC renovation project was scoped, estimated, and designed by Meridian last year they worked closely with an Eversource representative, and found no significant potential for energy efficiency savings.

An HVAC system is currently in the works. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2024. The design is complete, piping has been purchased, but the mechanical equipment has not been purchased. Noah is attempting to work with Meridian and Eversource to determine if there are potential savings.

Climate and Community Program at UUFES

TEC was invited to participate in a recent program hosted by UUFES on climate and community. John was able to represent the Tamworth Energy Committee.

Finding New Energy Committee Members:

Ellen will complete her one-year term as Tamworth Energy Committee secretary in March. She has offered to serve as an alternate for the upcoming year. John will assume the secretary role for the short term.

TEC is actively seeking new members; John recommended contacting Marcia Carlin and her husband Jim Torpey.

***Ellen** knows Marcia and will contact her.*

Discussion and Planning for EV Expo

Ted has composed and sent an email to Jim Hoenscheid of Club Motorsports requesting help in planning a Spring 2024 event.

Ted's email covers the following points:

- Request and finalize a date for the EV Expo,
- Confirm time,
- Confirm an hour of driving laps in vehicles (Club Motorsports typically opens the track to their members at 11:00. Our expo may cause them to delay their opening for members for an hour.)

- Confirm who will organize the Classic Cars portion of the event: will their members bring their classic cars, or will both TEC members and Club Motorsports put out the word for local classic car owners?
- Ask whether private EV owners could display (and possibly drive) their cars.

TEC will begin to reach out to car dealerships and will ask them if they are willing to participate in a future event. We estimate 40 to 60 members of the public will attend the event. We will be seeking both plug-in hybrid and all electric vehicles.

To start, TEC members will contact the following dealerships:

- NuCar in Tilton (VWs (ID-4, and Kia's EV-6 and Niro) **(Ted)**
- Hyundai IONIQ 5/6 dealership, **(John)**
- Subaru Soltera dealership in Conway and Keene **(John)**
- Irwin Motors in Laconia, (they feature Ford and Hyundai). **(Ellen)**

Other suggestions:

Gabrielle compiled further suggestions when she attended the 'Green Your Fleet' event last year at the NH Speedway.

- Subaru in Keene,
- Grappone Ford in Bow, (Ford models: Mustang Mach-e, Lightning. contact Nick Berner, 603-851-6553)
- Nucar in Tilton, (Rivian).
- Fenton Family Dealerships: Gabrielle spoke with Douglas Welch, and George Thompson: 603-355-5000. (Hyundai, Toyota, Volvo & Honda)
- Chevy North Conway, (Tesla Nissan, Rivian)

TEC members will wait until the event details are finalized before considering other planning (food, tent, entry fee, raffle).

Ellen will review notes from Sandwich Climate Action group about their Energy Expo and will contact them if there are further questions.

Scheduling Future Meetings:

Gabrielle has some conflicts with our scheduled meeting times.

Ellen will send out a 'When2Meet' email to help us plan the next TEC meetings.

Future Agenda Ideas:

- EV Expo - Spring
- Launch of Tamworth Community Power - ongoing publicity, prep for town meeting, host info events around the launch, etc.
- Install electric heat pumps in Town Office - get quotes, select, install.
- Community Solar or Solar land lease or net metering
- Contract for insulation in Town Office
- Contract for ERV in Town Office

- Do an energy inventory of Town properties using Energy Star Portfolio Manager
- Research and install EV chargers in Town Office parking lot
- Host workshop on funding and incentives for weatherization and electrification projects
- Host house tour for energy efficiency innovations

Meeting Adjourned: 4:36

Minutes E. Farnum