

Tamworth Energy Committee (TEC) Minutes
Tamworth Town House
May 18th, 2023

Present: Ted Morgan, Gabrielle Watson, Ellen Farnum

Call to Order 11:30 am

Approval of Minutes from May 9th meeting.

Motion: Gabrielle W. Second: Ted M **Vote:** unanimous

Agenda for June 5th Meeting and Publicizing Agenda

TEC members reviewed the proposed agenda for the next scheduled meeting on June 5th. To accommodate our full agenda **TEC will meet at 1:30 instead of 3:00 pm.** We will hear from two groups on community power and have invited a guest speaker to discuss using the Chocorua Dam to generate power.

1:30 Freedom Energy Logistics/Colonial Power Bart Fromuth

2:00 pm CPCNH: Henry Herndon

3:00 pm Chocorua Dam: Peter Smart

TEC members discussed updating the town on our work, as well as posting the agenda for our next meeting on the Tamworth Exchange. We should again ask for volunteers to serve on the TEC.

***Ellen** will write a brief notice for the Tamworth Exchange and **Ted and Gabrielle** will review it.*

***Ellen** will Okay time change with Library, notice meeting, and later post an update of our work plus our agenda on the Tamworth Exchange.*

Communication with Standard Power

Standard Power Representative Ryan Polson contacted Ellen to ask if our group had follow-up questions. TEC members do not have questions now but may want to communicate with Standard Power after we hear presentations from the other Community Power Groups.

***Ellen** will email Ryan.*

Review Application for the Community Facility Energy Assessment Program (CDFA)

Gabrielle reviewed the proposed project:

~We have received a grant from the Tamworth Foundation for the required 25% (\$1,150) that would cover the town share of the project cost.

~If we receive the CDFA grant, we can then apply for a CDFA approved auditor to conduct the energy audit. (Resilient Building Group).

~If energy efficiency improvements to the Town Office are recommended, we can apply for a grant or low-interest loan from Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program to help cover the costs.

TEC members reviewed and revised the grant application. The grant needs to be accepted by the Tamworth Select Board before it can be submitted. (Gabrielle has already sent the application to the Select Board, and hopes it will be approved at their regular meeting tonight, May 18.)

***Gabrielle** will submit the grant once it has Select board approval.*

Possible Electric Vehicle Event

Gabrielle W. spoke with Peggy and Mark Longley about the EV event held last summer in Sandwich. Peggy reported that the event was successful but took a lot of time and energy to organize.

TEC agreed that hosting some kind of EV event in the future (perhaps coupled with a Classic Car show) would be a good way to bring diverse groups together.

Ellen will ask *Katy Thompson* if she has contacts for people with Classic Cars

Gabrielle will explore the idea of asking Club Motor Sports to help host an event.

Meeting adjourned: 12:04

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