

Draft Tamworth Energy Committee Minutes
June 30 2023, 10:00 am
Cook Memorial Library

Present: Gabrielle Watson, Ellen Farnum, Ted Morgan, David Kunhardt

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Button Up Workshop:

TEC members discussed plans for the September 18th Button-Up workshop.

~There will be a change of venue as Union Hall does not have an internet connection.

Ted will look for another venue: Brett School and Runnells Hall are options.

Collaboration with Chocorua Lake Conservancy

Gabrielle met with Juno Lamb, a member of the Chocorua Lake Conservancy (CLC).

CLC would like to host a series of meetings on climate change and offered to include the Tamworth Energy Committee on their list of speakers.

~Gabrielle noted that this would be an opportunity to share our group's work and to directly ask the community to suggest goals for future energy saving projects in Tamworth.

Gabrielle will follow up with CLC.

Tamworth Energy Committee Chair Interview

In early June, Gabrielle was interviewed by Sam Evans Brown as part of a Clean Energy NH fund-raising event. She described the mission and goals of the Tamworth Energy Committee and some future projects.

~TEC members agreed that the interview should be shared.

Ellen will post on the Tamworth Exchange.

Reviewed Selectboard Presentation on June 29, 2023

The Tamworth Selectboard unanimously gave their approval to pursue a Community Power program for the town allowing TEC to begin work with Community Power Coalition of NH. TEC members discussed the questions and concerns raised during last night's Selectboard meeting.

~Stability of CPCNH

Gabrielle has been communicating with CPCNH members in other towns. She will renew these contacts and ask them to share experiences.

~Concerns about the amount of time needed to manage the program.

There are plans to discuss management with Henry Herndon. The program should be able to self-manage once set up. CPCNH has a subcontractor who manages specific customer requests.

~How do CPCNH rates compare with the rates an individual person can contract for?

There is a website where this information is found. TEC will make this available.

~What are the guidelines for using funds from CPCNH to work on municipal projects?

TEC members will research this information.

~Are other New England municipalities using Community Power?

~ David will research how Community Power Aggregation is faring in other states.

Publicizing Selectboard Vote

TEC members will publicize the recent selectboard vote.

~Article to Conway Daily Sun

~ post on Town Website

Meeting Adjourned 10:40 followed by a visit to the Club Motorsports facility.

Visit to Club Motorsports

TEC would like to organize an EV event. TEC members traveled to the Club Motorsports facility and met with Director of Club Experience Pat Curran to discuss the idea.

~Pat Curran suggested a show in the spring at the Motorsports facility, displaying Electric Vehicles and Classic Cars.

~Sunday mornings early in the season would be best:

9:00 to 11:00 am view vehicles,

11:00 to 11:45 guided drives. (Passengers ride on 1 or 2 laps on the racetrack with a Club Motorsports driver in an EV vehicle.)

Pat believes the track could easily accommodate 30 cars at a time, giving all visitors an opportunity to ride in an Electric Vehicle, for a total of about 250 laps. People would line up next to the car they'd like to take a lap in. It will likely be possible for people to get to experience multiple cars.

~CMI will invite their members who have classic cars to bring them to the expo.

~Participants could stay after the test laps to view CMI members using the track. There is an access road with good views and a few picnic tables where people could do that, starting at noon.

~We discussed the option of getting a food truck to offer food for participants.

~Ted and Gabrielle were given a tour by Pat by golf cart on the access road, followed by two exciting laps on the track in the CMI pacer car.

~Next steps are to identify a few dates in late April or early May that work for CMI, then begin outreach to the car dealers that have offered to bring EVs for the event, as well as private individuals and other dealers, as needed to round out the variety of EVs on offer.

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