

# WALLINGFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes for Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024  
5:30 pm at the  
Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT

Present: Ken Welch, Jay Wright, Katherine MacLauchlan, Tom Fort

Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None

Approve minutes of July 2 meeting - Unanimously approved

Public Comments - None

## Town Hall Heating and Cooling

- No bids received for boiler replacement. One bid received after the due date for heat pumps. Selectboard asked that Heat Pump RFP be revised with focus on first floor heat pumps as primary scope and optional scope consisting of second floor heat pumps and Smart Thermostats. Primary scope completion date is set for 11/30/24 and optional scope completion is 3/31/25.
- RFP was revised and reposted on 8/20/24 with a bid due date of 9/16/24.
- Robbie is working on the load calc to determine if anticipated draw of heat pumps would require tapping into siren service. This will inform scope of electrical work to support heat pump installation.
- Efficiency Vermont confirmed that the heat pump models bidded qualify for point of sale incentives.
- GMP is offering additional incentives for new heating systems that offset fossil fuels. Based on historical oil consumption and proposed heat pump models, GMP estimates an additional incentive to the town of approximately \$10k. Final incentive to be determined when bid is accepted.

## Town Solar

- Town Solar models include; municipality owned, solar lease, and power purchase agreement. Municipality owned is preferable; however, since rooftop solar cannot be installed on Town Hall, "Remote" or "Virtual" net metering would be required where panels on the Town Garage support electricity usage at the Town Hall and other municipal buildings.
- Unfortunately, the remote or virtual net metering option is being phased out next year. In order to take advantage of this option, we would need to have a solar contractor submit a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) on Wallingford's behalf by 12/31/24 and have panels installed by mid-2025.
- Electrical usage of all town buildings (plus the anticipated usage of future Town Hall heat pumps) will be calculated and compared to rooftop solar capacity of the Town Garage.

- The Energy Committee will propose a Town Solar plan to Selectboard on 9/16/24. If Selectboard is in agreement, a Town Solar RFP based on the virtual net metering model will be drafted for review/approval at 10/7/24 Selectboard meeting. The goal would be to receive bids in November to allow adequate time for the successful bidder to submit CPG by end of year.

LED lights have been received and a date will be scheduled for installation at Town Hall.

New business from the floor - None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Next Energy Committee meeting will be at Town Hall at 5:30pm on 10/1/24