

Jim Nourse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was in person, along with access via Zoom.

1. **Members present:** Jim Nourse, Mark Bolinger, David Kahn, Harry Higgs, Matt Brown
2. **Approved the minutes of our January 10, 2022 meeting.** Jim moved, Harry seconded. Unanimous approval, except Matt abstained due to absence.
3. **Clean Energy NH membership:** Jim made a motion to renew our municipal membership in CENH, for \$250/year. Harry seconded, and vote was unanimously in favor.
4. **Fire Station PV system:** We discussed various fundraising options to raise the balance (of ~\$25,000) required to move forward and go out to bid for a PV system on the roof of the new Fire Station. This in the wake of all three grant proposals (to Ledyard Bank, Mascoma Bank, and the Lyme Foundation) being turned down. Options include:
 - Waiting to see whether federal tax credit extensions and “direct pay” provisions are passed into law, which would largely obviate our need to fundraise further
 - Drafting a fundraising letter to send out to some of the possibly larger donors in town
 - Setting up a GoFundMe campaign to solicit donations more broadly
 - Proposing a warrant article to raise the required balance at Town Meeting 2023
 - Some combination of the above

There was discussion about the various options and their pros and cons, relevant timelines, as well as supply chain issues affecting the PV market. In the end, we decided that our primary donor’s patience is likely not infinite, and that we should try to proceed while we still have that core commitment, despite the other uncertainties. Jim and Matt agreed to co-draft a fundraising letter and circulate it to Committee members prior to our next meeting.

5. **New members:** Jim noted that the new member candidates that he had been conversing with have all said they are too busy to join us. As such, we could still use a few more members.
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting as an official committee is currently scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bolinger, Secretary