

Jim Nourse called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Meeting was in person, along with access via Zoom or an associated phone number that had been properly warned.

1. **Members present:** Jim Nourse, Mark Bolinger, Mike Novello, David Kahn, Harry Higgs
2. **Discussed the minutes of our September 13, 2021 and October 11, 2021 meetings.** Mike moved to approve the 9/13 meeting minutes, Harry seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor. We held off on approving the 10/11 minutes, given that only two of the members present had attended that meeting (we will try again at our next meeting).
3. **Fire Station PV system:** Mark has drafted grant applications to the Lyme Foundation, Mascoma Bank, and Ledyard Bank to help us cover the balance of costs that will remain after our primary donor's contribution. Jim made a motion to go ahead and submit these applications, Mike seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mark has also drafted a request for proposals (RFP) that could be used to solicit bids. There was modest discussion of its content. David will check with the Select Board to see what kind of review is required (e.g., whether legal review is required) and what the next steps are towards sending this out to prospective installers (once we have our financing sufficiently lined up).

4. **Planning Board Amendment re: Solar Energy Systems:** Mark and Jim had attended the public hearing last Thursday on the proposed solar amendment, and led a discussion about its contents and the various comments heard at the meeting. The PB will be meeting again this Thursday to revise the amendment based on comments received, and will likely need to hold another hearing on the revised version. Committee members (and the general public more broadly) are encouraged to attend and participate.
5. **Community power initiative:** Jim raised this topic, and there was brief discussion. So far, thirteen towns and all of Cheshire County have joined the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, but the organization is still ramping up and, to our knowledge, no product has yet been selected or supplied. For Lyme to join would require a Town Meeting vote (and significant work in advance of that), so the earliest this could happen at this point is Town Meeting 2023.
6. **Adjournment:** David moved; Mike seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Our next meeting as an official committee is currently scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bolinger, Secretary