

Jim Nourse called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Meeting was in person, along with access via Zoom.

1. **Members present:** Jim Nourse, Mark Bolinger, Harry Higgs, David Kahn, Matt Brown (via Zoom), Mike Novello (via Zoom), and guest Richard Trefren
2. **Approved minutes** from meetings on September 12, 2022 (Harry moved, Jim seconded, unanimous vote) and November 7, 2022 (Harry moved, David seconded, unanimous vote).
3. **Review of “to dos” from last meeting:** Jim and Mark provided updates on outstanding items from prior meetings, pertaining mostly to our efforts to find a suitable home for a municipal PV array funded by generous Lyme donors. The issue of potential radio frequency interference has arisen at the Highway Garage as well, given that there is a small antenna attached to the front of the building that the Road Crew uses to communicate. Given this issue (which was what eliminated the Fire Station from consideration), plus the fact that the Highway Garage roof is not oriented very well for solar and could soon be shaded by evergreen trees growing on the bank behind the building, we collectively decided to focus on the library instead (Harry moved, David seconded, and the vote was unanimous).

Mark provided a recap of the Solar Pathfinder shading analysis at the library that he had emailed to members, and will communicate further with the neighbors about their tree. Jim will reach out to the donors to ask whether they are OK with focusing on the library.

4. **Community Power:** Jim provided an update on community power/municipal aggregation. The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) is initially planning to provide four products at different price points and made up of different percentages of renewable energy. The intent is to beat the incumbent utility price and to offer at least as much renewable energy as the incumbents (and, for some of the products, considerably more renewable energy than the incumbents). The first purchases are likely to occur this spring, at which time we will be able to take a closer look at what is on offer.
5. **Discussion of Energy Committee’s role:** We spent some time discussing the difficulty in keeping up with all of the different moving pieces that we’re working on—e.g., municipal rooftop PV (Fire Station→Highway Garage→Library), Planning Board solar zoning amendment, community power/municipal aggregation, group net metering—and the role that the Committee might play in terms of coordinating all of these efforts. We did not reach any conclusions, but we did discuss the possibility of a joint meeting between the Energy Committee, the Lyme Energy Aggregation Committee, and the Planning Board to share information across committees and try to enhance coordination. That joint meeting is now scheduled for February 23 at 7:00 PM.
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bolinger, Secretary