

Minutes
Chester Clean Energy Team
March 7, 2024

Members: Pat Woomer*, Sandy Prisloe, Rick Holloway (chair), Peter Harding,
Ed Meehan, Dick Leighton*, Patricia Bandzes* (ex officio)
Guests: none

The E-Team meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

1. Approval of minutes.

Minutes of the 1 February meeting were approved.

2. Lighting and EV Charging Stations

MOTION: While waiting for a waiver for flood plain restrictions at the Water street lot, we will issue an RFP for installing the EV Charging station in the Maple Street lot, and will proceed accordingly.

Motion was approved unanimously.

The E-Team is concerned about losing available grant money.

Ed and Sandy will draft an RFP for this change.

Rick will notify the First Selectwoman.

3. Solar panels at Town Hall and the Town Garage

Rick met with a sales representative from Earthlight Technology to review solar options for these two locations. He will circulate a copy of the proposal to all E-Team members. It is evident that installing solar panels can significantly reduce electricity costs.

4. Review of the Comprehensive Energy plan

Sandy presented a summary of energy performance for all town buildings.

Although energy consumption overall has been significantly reduced in recent years, one building has increased energy use.

At the intended meeting with the selectmen (see below), the Energy Team will provide a summary of accomplishments and areas needing further work.

5. Meeting with Board of Selectmen

The E-Team will meet with the BoS at their scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

The E-Team will hold a meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, 19 March, to finalize a presentation and to draft a summary.

Carryovers from the February meeting:

- (1) The *Energy Team*** will organize an information session for local businesses to learn about energy efficiency audits which can be arranged through Eversource. We will plan to have this occur this Spring.
- (2). *Rick*** will check to see what Deep River did about lighting when they restored the theater in their Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
Rick Holloway