

Meeting attendees: Liz Fletcher, Michele Siegmann, Garth Fletcher, Marina MacIntosh, Kathy Chapman, Curt Spacht, Dave Morrison, Doug Whitbeck, Darrell Scott, and Michelle Scott.

Amended Minutes were approved for April meeting by unanimous vote.

**Clean Energy NH** Michele Siegmann made the motion to accept the \$250 given by members and friends for the purpose of becoming a municipal membership to Clean Energy NH. Motion seconded by Liz Fletcher. This was voted on and all were in favor.

Dave Morrison moved that we expend these funds for the \$250 Clean Energy NH municipal membership.

Michele Seigmann seconded the motion. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

Liz Fletcher will submit Invoice and letter explaining where the money came from, along with the minutes of this meeting to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) at their next meeting.

**New MEC Secretary** Liz Fletcher is resigning as secretary. Michelle Scott offered to fill this position. All members voted Michelle as our secretary. Discussion was brought up regarding rotating chair position on a yearly basis. It was decided, after considerable discussion that chair and secretary will be given the opportunity to change position after one year, but no limit was set for terms served.

**Master Plan for Mason** Michele Siegmann and Liz Fletcher attended the April 24 Planning Board Meeting to introduce MEC and our desire to write an Energy chapter for the updated Master Plan. The Board advised committee members that they should aim for "less verbiage." They don't want the Master Plan to be a lengthy document.

They also suggested that MEC suggestions could be put under Conservation, or Historical sections of the Master Plan, but Michele and Liz gently suggested this is energy conservation, not general conservation, and applies to every day energy use in all town buildings. The subcommittee members are writing an energy chapter to include definitions of energy use and cost savings. Their rationale will include 1. reducing miles driven by work-from-home scenarios such as improved internet speeds/access, and small business in certain areas 2. land use policies that reduce energy consumption that fit within the goals of the town 3. and town building energy use especially for new construction and renovations. They will include MEC current projects of collecting Portfolio Manager Data, Margaret's study and Garth's FLIR data, as examples. (See subcommittee notes from their April meeting.)

Michele Seigmann attended the BOS meeting, and felt this is a good plan for MEC members or alternates to attend regularly as there are other committees that may need MEC data. For example Fred Greenwood is looking into LED lighting, and energy savings through using some of MEC information.

On April 11 Carl Eden, the lighting auditor from Energy Management Consultants Inc. went to the 4 buildings that use enough electricity (Mann House, Police Station, Fire Station, and Highway Dept) to survey their lighting situation. Carl will make recommendations for efficiency improvements so the town can get energy rebates from Eversource. Liz will contact him to ask when his report will be ready.

School House on Valley Road is now on historical register, and may need MEC help to make it energy efficient. Darrell will discuss this with Wally Brown. They may need advice/help choosing insulation, and lighting.

The other issue was Town Hall. MEC will offer Pete McGinnity our help for keeping energy efficiency and savings front and center, for the 3 phases of repair, drainage, roofing, interior. They plan to close off the upstairs, since the room upstairs is actually suspended from trusses, and this has damaged the building over the time.

Kathy Wile is knowledgeable about historical buildings and about the Town Hall, and will be attending the LCHIP meeting in the next week. What other committees should we attend to get MEC info and help them with any decisions they might make related to energy conservation

What is the action? What info should we give them for energy efficiency, and review with them the resources that the MEC has? What does Clean Energy NH have on historical buildings and plans for revision. Who will do this? Temple did

their Town Hall and Bev Edwards may have some answers. Darrell will have some time until next month to research this with Kathy Wile and Wally Brown. See action items below.

**Button Up workshop by NH Saves is September 12th** 7:15 to 8:30 presentation. Marina has done a great job at getting this under way. No charge for Town Hall for town sponsored event. Marina will have water pitchers, and maybe Community Supper dessert can be a draw. Michelle will discuss having desserts at the workshop with the Community Supper Committee.

Marina will decide on some information to print out for the workshop. Decision regarding getting someone to print it will be made in the future.

For the ButtonUp Workshop we need partners. A partner gets to be listed on the flyer, and agrees to do some advertising on their website, or location.

Suggested Partners: Mason Church, MEC, Mason School, Clean Energy NH, Conservation Commission, Middle School, Bev Edwards of Temple Eco Energy Committee, Greenville Energy

It was suggested to let nearby towns help advertise: Peterborough Energy organizations, Milford, Greenville, New Ipswich if they have Energy Commissions? Also Facebook and church newsletters, and the Town Clerk’s email outreach.

**Mason School outreach for MEC:** Dave is still working on this. It is one place to advertise the ButtonUP workshop, but also some teachers may want to implement energy conservation projects—maybe using the Kill a Watt device at the Mason Library. Kathy suggested the committee have a skit with ideas. (Maybe we could have a Mason Saves Energy Day?)

**EPA Porffolio Manager** Raw data is collected for fuel and electric. Garth has made it available to be put on the website. Garth made one change of the old data for communication tower—one bill was recorded as 3 months instead of 1 month. Now corrected. Three years of records are now recorded. This gives the committee easy access to the date to assess for determining increased costs and use, and after changes are made by MEC—to see differences!

This team of Curt Spacht, Garth Fletcher, and Marina McIntosh has done the tedious job of collecting this information. Darrell pointed out that data from Eversource can be collected in read-only form from electric company if the Town gives permission and the MEC wanted to collect it this way.

**Net Metering Bill** Michelle Scott attended a hearing in Concord, and reported on the net metering Senate Bill 159 which is to allow businesses and municipalities to raise the net metering limit to 5Mgwt. A similar bill, House Bill 365 has passed the House, and this bill received a favorable reception before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. We were advised of this hearing by Clean Energy NH, and will continue to follow its progress in the Senate.

Kathy asked the question can the MEC lobby? Do we need BOS approval? Since answers to these questions were not readily available, it was decided to continue to respond to energy bills in the State as individuals.

**Kill A watt** Each committee member will try it out. Dave will talk to Mason School about doing a workshop with the children? A precursor to the Button Up workshop?

NH Saves has some educational videos that are informative about energy. These may be helpful for the school or for the ButtonUp workshop brochures we are planning. Curt had a suggestion for MEC members to help people use the Kill a wt, and Garth’s infared camera, but this should be discussed at a future meeting if it can be made feasible.

**League of Conservation Voters** Doug attended their Climate Change conference. Mike Burman of Clean Energy NH, Senator Bachus, and Andrew Melenski from the NH House, were at the meeting. Doug will try to get the video, and we could post a link on Garth’s website.

Dave Morrison moved to adjourn, Liz Fletcher seconded. Meeting adjourned about 8:50 pm

Here’s the now famous ACTION ITEMS list...

What	Who	When
Mention to Wally @ energy concerns of old schoolhouse	Darrell	6/3
Research town hall @ energy efficiency	Darrell	6/3
Ask mason school (Principle Kristen) @ button up partner + school	Dave	5/15

outreach		
Ask diane varney-parker @ milford middle school button up partner	Kathy	5/15
Ask denise @ putting button up flyers @ library	Kathy	5/15
Ask Bev Edwards @ temple button up partner	Kathy	5/15
Ask Henry @ button up partner	Kathy	5/15
Ask Kathy Wile @ Mason button up partner	Kathy	ASAP, Maybe for 5/14 meeting of BOS
Contact Carl Edin @ lighting report	Liz	ASAP
Clear with Cons com @ button up partner	Liz	5/15
Ask Kathy Wile @ Eversource password to get electric records electronically?	Marina	6/3
Ask Community supper group @ button up partner	Michelle and Marina	done
Clear with Mason church @ButtonUp partner	Michelle	done
Put ButtonUp info and Kill-a-watt meter @ Mason FB	Michelle Scott	Continuing
Send SB 159 info to MEC	Michelle Scott	Done with minutes 5/6/19

<[http://www.mason-nh.org/Docs/EnergyComm/Docs/Fuel\\_use/](http://www.mason-nh.org/Docs/EnergyComm/Docs/Fuel_use/)> Marina and Garth's report on fuel use in Mason.