

**Newbury Energy Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 23, 2023 4pm

In Person **Newbury Veterans' Hall**

Attendees: Quorum Yes/No **Attendees are in bold**

	<b>Mary Fuller</b>	<b>Dan Wolf</b>
Andrew Cockerill	<b>Susan Kelley</b>	<b>Tracy Wood</b>
<b>Lisa Correa - Chair</b>	<b>Steve Remen</b>	Joy Nowell

1. Call to Order, check in, agenda review. 4:00 Chair
2. Approval of [April minutes](#). *Approved* Chair
3. Old Business
  - a. Aggregate Power Working Group:
    - i. [Presentation to Selectboard](#) re: Aggregate Power, May 15, 2023 *Mary presented an overview explaining what aggregate power is, how the town might benefit from it, and our plans to continue to research options for the town to buy their power via an aggregate power agreement. The presentation was well received. There was a question and some discussion about the opt out v. opt in default. The SB encouraged Mary to continue and her working group to pursue researching options and welcomed her to offer regular updates. She will give another update on June 12 SB meeting.* Mary
    - ii. Working group [Statement of purpose](#) *approved* Mary
  - b. Meetings with local businesses Andrew, Lisa, Tracy
    - Bluebird Sunapee (Lisa and Andrew) *The manager was welcoming and had some questions regarding trash and recycling.* Lisa
    - Bubbas and Newbury Plaza (Tracy and Andrew) *Andrew and Tracy met with Heather (the new owner) on May 18. She shared some of the energy savings measures they had taken (foam board to insulate windows behind curtains) but since she doesn't own the building was limited in other energy-related improvements. She is also interested in finding a farm who would pick up food waste.* Tracy
    - Additional meetings planned
  - c. Old Home Day planning, Saturday July 8th *Lisa has confirmed room for 10-12. She is beginning to reach out to reps/vendors.* Lisa
4. New Business
  - a. Omnibus energy policy at NH state level: *Dan connected us with Chris Ellms (Dep Commissioner of DOE) who has offered to field questions if they come up. Mary reviewed the article and felt there were no actionable items for us at this time.* Mary

- b. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): how to track and share potential opportunities for Newbury residents and businesses. Information has been emerging – is it specific enough to begin informing our town? *From all accounts, the state has not yet come up with information or policy about how the funds will be made available. We will continue to track.* All

5. News/Info

- a. May 10<sup>th</sup> presentation (via zoom) by Revision Energy on residential solar; review. *We were disappointed that there was not an actual prepared presentation but felt the presenter did a good job at addressing questions from attendees. Lisa has followed up and will try to get a video to post on the website* Lisa
- b. Other
  - Intertown Cooperation KCA is looking for new leadership. We agreed that any involvement will continue to be on an individual level, not as a committee. (Lisa)

6. Public Comment and Questions

7. Next meeting: Monday June 12, 2023

8. Meeting Review

Went well:

Could be better:

9. Summarize new actions and adjourn