

Meeting held at the Town Office, 17 August 2021 at 6PM.

In attendance: Jim Bebarski, Jeremy Jones, Ken Drake, Howie Marshall, Mark Eyerman, Dave Chipman

Dave updated the committee on new goals from the Select Board:

1. Reducing the town's carbon footprint
2. Affordable broadband internet strategy for the town's residents

Howie updated the committee on the town signing up with a community solar farm for the town's electricity

The group reconfirmed that we would meet on the second Tuesday of the month from now on.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of a free-form discussion of the above topics

Jim filled us in on some thoughts from the Comm & Tech Task Force about broadband strategy

Mark reviewed past efforts to identify problems with the Town Office's HVAC and lighting, and efforts to reduce the energy consumption of the building.

Mark raised an issue: Should the town try to purchase electric vehicles instead of gas vehicles when possible in the future? Discussion of the pros and cons.

The carbon footprint reduction should be two-pronged: both for the town government, and then for the town as a whole, residents and businesses.

Discussion of new standards for minimum acceptable broadband service, which may move much of Harpswell into the "underserved" category (18Mbps upload, vs new standard of 25Mbps).

Adjourned at 7PM.