

Energy & Technology Committee Minutes for Dec 11, 2019

The December meeting of the Energy and Technology Committee was held at 4:30PM on December 11, 2019, at the Town Office.

Attending were Gary Vincent, John Monaghan, Jim Babarski, Howard Marshall, Mark Eyerman, and Kristi Eiane.

The minutes of the last meeting, 11/13, were approved.

Kristi gave an update on the 2020 budget items that might concern the E&T Cmte, in particular the HVAC at the town offices. Kristi and Mark told us that they are pleased with report from SMRT. SMRT offered several steps that the town could take. There was also a discussion of the issues at the recycling center.

Mark gave an update on the cell tower proposals. The town got 5 replies showing interest, mostly depending on the builders finding interest from major tenants.

Gary gave a report on the cable franchise renewal. Essentially, there is little wiggle room in the negotiations, and none of it concerns the E&T Cmte.

Howard gave an update on the solar plans, starting with a review of the 5 options. Much of the information remains subjective because we do not yet have all the numbers we need in order to compare the various options. This was followed by an overview of the various ways the financing can work, based on Howard's conversation with CEI. The committee's conclusion was that we are not ready to bring a proposal to the Board, or to the Town Meeting in March, because there are too many remaining unknowns.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.