

Peterborough Energy Committee Minutes

June 11, 2025

Present: Trisha Cheever, Anne Huberman, Bill Kennedy, Emily Manns (chair), Bruce Tucker

Riverwalk Parking Lot EVSEs

We learned that a recent check on Google Maps revealed that the Riverwalk EVSEs were not listed there. It has been corrected.

Bill asked if the Riverwalk EVSEs are paying for themselves. That's what we discussed at the last meeting, and we decided we need to see the electricity bills for the four EVSE meters at 48 Grove Street. Trisha said that she has that information on her computer and can share it with us. Then we need to compare that with what the Town receives from ChargeLab. Trisha will call ChargeLab's 800 number to see if she can easily get that information. And she will check out various scenarios of what to do when the contract with ChargeLab runs out.

Trisha said that she plans to put a QR code on the EVSEs that would lead people to a survey on which they can express their feelings about using them. Trisha also had made cards about how to use the EVSEs that could be distributed to Depot Square and other businesses. We should check the [cards](#) out and make suggestions for improvement.

Eversource's Demand Response Program

A member of PEC will be meeting next Tuesday with two people from Eversource and Frank Richter, the Circuit Rider from Clean Energy NH, to discuss the Demand Response Program. He will meet later with Seth, who has given him a list of questions to ask at the meeting.

The Town's Solar Array

We have discussed several times the advisability of having the Town buy out the current owners of the Town's solar array. Apparently the ownership has changed several times since the array was installed.

We found this in minutes from February 24, 2021:

We asked about the solar array. Seth has looked at the contract with the owner of the array and found that there is no specific time for a buyout. Instead, it would be

a negotiated buyout. Since the value of the array appears to be about \$1.2 million right now, a buyout at this point seems unlikely.

Bill said that since the Town is now maxed out on bonds, a buyout of the solar array is very unlikely. We need to look at the real numbers for the array to see whether a buyout makes any sense. That could be a winter project.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Peterborough Energy Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 25, at 3:30 PM in the Select Board Room.