

Peterborough Energy Committee Minutes
May 3, 2022

Present: Emily Manns, Dori Drachman, Bruce Tucker, Joel Huberman, Anne Huberman, Steve Walker, Jim Hassinger, Bill Kennedy

Library EV Charger

No action will be taken until after the new Library Trustees are elected on May 10.

Drive Electric Expo

The Drive Electric Expo will be held on May 6, 5-8 PM as a First Friday event. We planned the details of the publicity and the organization of the event.

Meeting with Chief Guinard

We will be meeting with the Chief to look at his current vehicles, make measurements, and talk some more about EVs.

Testimony on the Fire Station Warrant Article

We learned that the Fire Department claims that there is no design yet, but in a Q&A they say that one reason the cost is very high is that the “mandate” to use renewable energy will force them to move the HVAC equipment inside at \$400 per square foot so that the roof will be free for solar panels. There is no reason why they have to allocate all the space on the roof to solar. We also want to push back on being able to participate in the process. We hope they will develop a forum for our input. Green design promises big savings in the future. They have no hard information, yet they are talking about it as if it is a known fact. They have no data to support their statements. They should look at this as an investment in cost savings. We should ask what they will deliver with the \$2 million.

We went on to plan how we will respond to this at the Open Session of the Town Meeting on May 11.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, at 4:30 PM by Zoom – just before the Open Session of Town Meeting.