

Peterborough Energy Committee Minutes
February 7, 2024

Present: Emily Manns, Jim Hassinger, Anne Huberman, Joel Huberman, Bruce Tucker, Steve Walker, Trisha Cheever, Tony Cassady, Seth MacLean, Bill Kennedy

Meeting with Seth, Bill, and Tony

PEC members met with Town representatives to discuss funding options for solar on town facilities including new IRA opportunities available to municipalities. We discussed possible mechanisms for taking advantage of this rare opportunity for significant funding for renewable energy projects that also can save the town and taxpayers money on energy costs and increase our use of renewable energy.

Seth shared the good news that he was confident that a solar array would be part of the DPW Garage renovation.

We also discussed the conclusion our committee reached that funding for solar should be given priority over batteries at this time. Although there will be many benefits to installing batteries in the new Fire Station, the technical aspects of battery design are making such rapid advances that it would be best to wait for further developments before purchasing batteries. They can always be added later.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 PM. We have invited ReVision's Michael Bartner to meet with us about the Brightfields program.