**Marlborough Energy Committee**

**July 6, 2023**

Present: Marge Shepardson (chair), Trent Boehmler, Jerry Burns, Ira Gavrin, Ted Mead;

Guests: Ed and Gilda Goodrich; Bob Hayden and Emily Manns (Standard Power)

1. Ed Goodrich shared information about his property at 17 Highland St. and inquired about whether we want to develop a solar energy project there. The lot he is offering the use of is approximately 0.4 acres on a slope above the old school. The site has 3-phase power already because it runs to the old well on the adjacent lot. The slope faces mostly south. He has been told he could put about 250-300 kW there.

Bob Hayden commented that it’s a good size for net metering. He suggested doing a pre-application to get more information about the viability of the site, cost, etc. He mentioned IRA grant money is available for about 30% of the project and the town would have to come up with the rest, possibly through a bond.

Jerry asked whether we could develop a community-solar project there. He will talk to John Kondos for information.

1. Bob and Emily presented information about the town’s first month of community power. 95% of residential customers are now on the town’s C.P. plan. Just over 1% opted up to either 50% or 100% renewable energy, 2% opted for the Basic plan, and 96% are in the Standard plan. Customers are saving about 9 cents per kWh until the end of July. After that, because Eversource starts a lower 6-month rate, customers will save 2 cents/kWh. Marge will write an article for the Marlborough Bulletin.
2. Town website – Trent and Marge will work with David to update the Community Power part and the Energy Committee part of the website. Trent raised some questions about whether we can find a different way to post things, possibly finding a new company to host the website.