

Bennington Energy Committee
May 4, 2016

Attendance:

Molly Eppig
Peter Martel
Mike Munhall
David McKenzie
Cathy Joly, Temple Energy Committee

The committee developed an outline of a presentation for the Select Board, advocating the change to LED streetlights for the town. The following action items were assigned.

- Develop a map of the locations of the town's streetlights: Peter Martel, Mike Munhall
- Contact Keene to see what they are doing about LED streetlights: Peter Martel
- Contact Manchester about their LED lighting: Peter Martel
- Contact Franklin to see whether their conversion to LED streetlights is complete: David McKenzie
- Contact the New Hampshire Community Development Financing Authority about the process and possibilities of partial funding by grant: David McKenzie

Peter Martel and Cathy Joly described efforts to develop coordination between town energy committees in the region served by the *Monadnock Ledger Transcript*. They will meet with town energy committees to share ideas and see if there is commonality in specific goals between different towns in the region. They will try to seed energy committees or sustainability committees in towns that do not have them. This effort to get towns to work together is currently being led by Peter and Cathy.

Cathy Joly has been "off the grid" for several years. She briefly described her experiences in living off the grid with minimal solar panels supplying her only power, except for a propane generator that she uses in emergency situations such as long periods of no direct sunlight.

Recorded by David McKenzie