

Town of Exeter, NH Energy Committee
MINUTES for Jan 24, 2018 at 3:30 pm:

Attendance: Renay Allen, Amy Farnham, Lewis Hitzrot

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Webpage, Facebook, PR:** Both are now created. Page is on town site and links thru to our Facebook, @ExeterEnergyCmte, 21 followers so far.
- **Feb 6 tabling event RPC's "Climate Community Open House" at Town Hall:** Renay will staff our table, she will go to dealerships to ask about EV table. Solicit emails for e-blasts.
- **Recruitment:** Still looking for an engineer type or two, will recruit at Open House.
- **Video conference options:** Successfully connected thru Google Duo. This is for vacations etc

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LED Streetlight conversion initiative:** Renay & Lew/Two meetings with Jennifer Perry of Exeter DPW and Mike Lynch of Durham DPW gave excellent info. Recap info sheet distributed and is attached. Still in info gathering stage. Not sure exact number of lights 700 or 1200? Have requested (via Jennifer Perry) meeting w/ Unital's Cathy Gilman & Tim Noonis. Need to gather more info on current contract.
- **Net-Metering for Waste Water Treatment Plant:** Renay & Lew/Met with Matt Berube of DPW, lots of smart technology incorporated into design already. Large array at Transfer Station not possible until leachate situation is determined. Smaller pump houses are possible option.
- **Utility Bills for Library and other municipal buildings:** Amy/ Has all the bills in spreadsheet form for all 62 municipal buildings. We have natural gas at 21 buildings. 2016 total= 51,763 therms for \$58,693 vs 68,112 therms for \$85,998 in 2017. 48% & 31% jump overall. Why? Will sit with DPW and discuss best options for possible efficiencies. She has had very good onsite look at library. LEDs will save them a ton.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Amy/ Met with Jill Robinson and Mark Leighton of PEA, agreed good spot for partnership would be behind St Anthony's Bakery. PEA getting some in their new gym garage, and thinking about their fleet. Exeter residents registered 50 EV's in 2017. Six EVC's in town right now. Monies available from Tesla, Volkswagen. Amy will contact Becky Ohler, Transportation, Climate and Energy Programs Manager- NH Dept. of Environmental Services and get us on her radar.

ACTION ITEMS:

Renay will contact EV dealerships for Open House & collaborations, get materials for Open House, confirm meeting with Unital for next week or so, call Plaistow town planner re LED streetlights, and post updates on social media on a regular basis.

Amy will contact Becky Ohler re State EV programs, Jennifer Perry re utility bills spreadsheets.

Lew will gather more info on current number, repair options, costs & contract, etc of streetlights and then attend meeting with Unital reps.

OTHER: Next meetings Feb 14 & 28