

Exeter NH Energy Committee MINUTES
March 28, 2018 at 3:30 pm, Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

Attendance: Julie Gilman, Jennifer Perry, Russ Dean, Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, (and intern for partial). Robin Tyner was out of town.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights: Coalition of seven towns attended 3/22 NHSEA.org webinar to learn about structure of Unitil tariffs and depreciation as compared to Eversource. Two questions unanswered: 1) How does Unitil calculate Net Book Value? By what formula? Does the calculation account for age of light? How? 2) May a town engage directly with a private contractor to purchase LED lighting? Or must the town go through Unitil some way?

Webinar here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7963623471106727683>

Next step is 4/2 meeting with Henry of NHSEA, all seven towns, and reps from Unitil in Exeter. Robust discussion held on LED conversion details that would apply to Exeter. Jen Perry, DPW Dir., attended and participated.

Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) Stations: Recommendation report (version #1) submitted by Renay via email was discussed. Amesbury seems a similar town to Exeter so contacted Tom Barasso, (Dir. Of Energy & Environmental Affairs for Amesbury (978)388-8110 x 314, barrassot@amesburyma.gov) *says* "in 2014 they put in a Voltek Chargepoint dual level 2 in a town lot on Water St. Cost was about 20K but they paid zero due to GreenTech grant. The annual electric cost to town is approx. \$500, and there is a \$560/year Chargepoint software fee, 1946 users since 2014. Gets reviews on Yelp." Discussion of possible downtown sites via map of Exeter with municipal sites denoted. Discussion led by Amy on site selected by PEA as a combo project with the town (229 Water St) for a bank of 4 chargers (2 Tesla, 2 level 2). Good visibility in this site due to Farmer's Markets and etc. on Swasey. Easy access to mount directly on old DTC brick building. Unconfirmed so far, Amy will find out more. At Granite State Clean Cities meeting we found out NH is getting \$31M from VW, approx. 15% of which will go to EV infrastructure. Monies not released until 2019 from OSI. There is also another state fund for EVC. This info from Tim White of NHDES. We also discussed this with Mike Scarpino of USDOT, Energy Analysis & Sustainability Div. micheal.scarpino@dot.gov 412-759-7881, who lives in Hampton.

National Drive Electric Week (NDEW): Confirmed date of Sunday, Sept 16th. Location TBD, possible spots: Swasey, Town Hall/Citizens Bank drive thru, Library/Founders Park. Renay to coordinate with James Penfold's Durham event Sept 8. Dealers agreed to participate with test drives include: McFarland Ford/Heather, Stratham Honda Barn/Bill, Exeter Volvo/Nick, Exeter BMW/Frank, need a Chevy Bolt. Event would include ribbon cutting of new 229 Water St EVC, local EV owners in a decorated parade to and tail-gating at the site, test drives by vendors, electric Phaeton? and more. Renay will add us to the NationalDriveElectricWeek.org website. This is combo project of Energy Committee and Transition Town.

Energy Efficiencies for Municipal buildings: Lew handed Amy the finalized list of all electric bills totals by address and years 2016, 2017 for baseline stats. The hour was up, so discussion on this and last agenda item (net-metering/solar) was tabled until next time.

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: Attend 4/2 LED meeting. Find out details on EVC at 229 Water St. & Windham.

Lew: Attend 4/2 LED meeting. Research EVC particulars w/ Barry Woods. Visit solar in Milton NH

Renay: Attend 4/2 LED mtg. Add Sept 16th event to NDEW website, meet w/ James Penfold re same. Pitch Fri April 13 or 20 dates to Mark @ PEA for solar tour.

OTHER: Next meetings April 11 & 25 @3:30pm