

NH Energy Committee
MINUTES: April 11, 2018 at 4 pm
Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

Attendance: Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Lew and Renay drove around town with a James from EVLaunchpad (EVBox) to learn viability of 9 pre-identified downtown sites. Will do same with Barry from ReVision (Clipper Creek) on *possibly April 30 at 2:30pm?* "Smart" style EVC are needed. Amy still working with PEA on the combo town/PEA charging station downtown. Announcement today from Gov. Sununu re: VW monies and public listening sessions. An Exeter Energy rep will go and get on record. Need to find out from Russ how town monies are dispersed.

National Drive Electric Week Event Sept 16th 1-3pm: Renay has us on the national website. Has reserved 4x6' sign in front of town hall. Need downtown site confirmed. Ford, Honda, Volvo, BMW will be there. Met w/James Penfold who coordinates Portsmouth/Kittery event. This event in partnership with Exeter NH Transition Town.

LED Streetlight conversion initiative: a meeting of a 7-town coalition was held last week, along with reps from Unitil, Affinity Lighting, and NHSEA. Jennifer Perry of DPW will move forward and request Net Book Value dollar amounts from Unitil. We are looking for a 3-5 year payback. Are currently waiting for Unitil to return the numbers. Lew will be the point person to work with Jennifer. Renay will keep a spreadsheet of each town's progress/timeline.

Net-Metering for Waste Water Treatment Plant: Officially moved to back burner.

Comprehensive Energy Strategy: On April 30th at 1pm will meet with Mark Leighton and his energy people at PEA in April and find out about their comprehensive energy strategy and the current state of their geo-thermal and huge solar array; how to avoid pitfalls, find out best-practices, etc., and tour rooftop solar array with town officials.

Electric Bills for municipal buildings: Had a level 1 audit of three buildings in 2008. Now have electric totals for all buildings 2016/2017. Need to get square footage, age, etc. to get a baseline report. Amy will look at property cards.

Earth Day (2019) Energy Fair: Committee will hold a fair in the town hall for citizens to see vendor tables, etc. (Also to celebrate 1 year anniversary of this committee!) Amy works many of these in her day job. Will give more details later.

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: Will pull property cards and match them to energy bills in a spreadsheet. Will coordinate April 30 drive-date with Barry Woods for EVC siting. Will get update of PEA EVC site (hope to be in place by Sept 16th EV Day in Exeter). Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30.

Lew: Will be point person with Jennifer P. on LED lights and age of inventory. Will speak with Henry of NHSEA re tariffs stranded costs v. age. Will ask about dispersal protocol from Russ. Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30.

Renay: Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30. Will coordinate/incubate National Drive Electric Week collaboration. Will set up spreadsheet to track progress of 7 town coalition and Unitil. Will send out our first e-newsletter to the lucky 13 for "Earth Day Update". *(send email request to GreenXNH@yahoo.com if you want to be on it too, dear reader)*

Next meetings: Weds., April 25, & May 9. (No meeting on May 23)