

NH Energy Committee
MINUTES: April 25, 2018 at 3:30 pm
Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

Attendance: Amy Farnham, Robin Tyner, Renay Allen

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Amy reports that there is a public comment session re VW monies in Portsmouth May 9, 1-3pm, one of us will try to attend and make remarks in support of Exeter. On April 30 at 2:30pm we will drive about with Barry Woods of ReVision/EVC to the 7 potential sites, as we did with EV Launchpad last month. Russ sent notice that there is \$5200 in an account for transportation/efficiencies.

National Drive Electric Week Event Sept 16th 1-3pm: Renay posted event to Facebook and also confirmed both the olde Phaeton and the new BMW i-8 to be at the event. Proposed spot is in front of bandstand (like the Rotary apple events) for the Phaeton/BMW/food truck, and then across the way at the bank/town hall parking lot for the test drive sign-up tables and tailgating. Inside town hall if raining? Amy suggest contacting SST, Robin suggest Scouts as volunteers. Will work on inviting local EV drivers for a parade to EVC. Town clerk report lists 200 registered EV/PHEV. This event in partnership with Exeter NH Transition Town.

LED Streetlight conversion initiative: Jennifer Perry of DPW requested Net Book Value, age, etc. from Unitil on 4/13. She also is working with JB of Affinity to liaise. We are looking for a 3-5 year payback. Renay's spreadsheet of each of the 7 town's progress/timeline is beginning to fill in. She will bring to next meeting and will forward to this committee an excellent 32 page report from Atkinson on their progress.

Comprehensive Energy Strategy: On April 30th at 1pm will meet with Mark Leighton and his energy people at PEA. RSVPed so far are Robin, Amy, Lew, Renay, Jennifer. Not sure about Russ or Julie.

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. Wondering about solar on roof of 277 Water St housing? Renay attended *EPA solar project portal* webinar on 4/25.

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.

Single Use Plastic: Robin, oceanographer, is interested in working with new local group "Plastic Free 603" led by Debra Cinamon Whalen. Recent conference in TX highlighted trash gyres and ghost nets. Our recycle fees w/ Waste Mgmt. have option to increase 3% per year (we are in 1st year of 5 yr. contract).

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30. Will look at property cards, and check out old quote for 277 Water

Lew: Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30. Continue to be point person with Jennifer Perry re LED.

Robin: Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30. Will meet PlasticFree603 people.

Renay: Will go on PEA tour/EVC drive on April 30. Will create a proposal/fact sheet handout re National Drive Electric Week for volunteers, etc. Will fill spreadsheet to track progress of 7 town LED coalition and Unitil, and send Atkinsons report around. (*send email request to GreenXNH@yahoo.com if you want to be on it too, dear reader*)

Next meetings: Weds., May 9. (No meeting on May 23) June 13