

Town of Exeter Energy Committee  
MINUTES- November 14, 2018 at 3:30pm Town Office, Nowak Room, 10 Front St  
(Note: There was no quorum for the Oct meeting, thus no minutes)

*Attendance: Julie Gilman, Robin Tyner, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham*

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**LED Streetlight Conversion:** Jennifer Perry presented to budget/finance cmte proposal involving a 5-year payback “on-bill”, so no extra funds needed. [update 12/13 warrant/funds are needed] After year 5, annual savings may be \$30K. She will present Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to the Select Board. We will attend in support. Prior to SB meeting, will explore pros/com for networked LEDs. Will ask John Branagan at NHSEA: LES Conference this Friday. In possibly January 2019, we will produce a small streetlight video with ExeterTV to educate the citizens. Renay wrote a script, edited by Jennifer Perry. Julie will be on camera too.

**EV Chargers:** Renay/Lew met Oct mtg w/ Darren Winham, Economic Development, and Dave Sharples, Town Planner:

- Both David and Darren agree that the town of Exeter will need to move to accommodate electric vehicles
- Both believe that, as the town moves to secure new parking spaces and develop new areas, EVCs can be included relatively easily.
- There are several development possibilities in the town that can likely accommodate EVCs
- They will keep us apprised of plans as PEA / town cooperate on development of property on Water St.
- They agree that we need to be proactive in order to have a plan ready to compete for VW money.
- The Energy Committee will investigate how and when to apply for VW grants for the town.

To the final point, Renay is monitoring new “SB517 EV Charging Stations Infrastructure Commission” webpage: <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/sb517.htm> Possible applications in the spring. Matching monies? Will ask commission member Gary Lemay (of NH Coop) at LES.

**Municipal Energy Audits:** Town Hall is the target. Amy will lead the project. We have one quote from Sopher Energy and Analysis. Julie thinks we have some old info from 2009. Renay will meet with Ted Stiles (603-330-3377) of Yankee Thermal Imaging at Town Hall on 11/19 re attic insulation quote. Have notified Jeff Beck and Bob Glowacky. Cmte also working with NHSaves efficiency project mgr Joe Van Goombas (603-294-5023 [JVanGoombas@unitil.com](mailto:JVanGoombas@unitil.com)) to identify rebates and programs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Clean Energy Goal:** Robin suggested we investigate how to meet Exeter’s stated “clean energy goal”, including reduction of carbon/nitrogen footprint. The town issued a Proclamation to support principles of the Paris Agreement, but has taken little follow up action on how to live up to its proclamation. She feels we need to look at what Exeter has stated in its Master Plan and Proclamation, and work on an actionable strategy to achieve our stated goals. We will attend workshops on related topics at the NHSEA Local Energy Solutions conference and hopefully find best practices/local mentor towns. We will all read Exeter’s current Master Plan, published 2/22/2018, when our committee was two months old. We may propose adding a chapter or addendum on Energy/Efficiency. Master Plan is here:

[https://www.exeternh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/10161/1exetermasterplan\\_adopted2-22-2018\\_508c.pdf](https://www.exeternh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/10161/1exetermasterplan_adopted2-22-2018_508c.pdf)

**Solicit new members:** Renay suggested seeking additional energy committee members

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Amy – work on town hall energy audit/energy analysis
- Robin – read Master Plan and Exeter’s Proclamation related to the Paris accords, research other NH towns that have established concrete goals and actions
- Lew – read Master Plan, attend Nov 26 Select Board mtg re Jennifer’s LED presentation
- Julie – find 2008 energy audit info
- Renay – read Master Plan, coord our video #2 on LED streetlights

**Next meeting WEDNESDAY, Dec.12 at 3:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed/month)**