

Town of Exeter Energy Committee
MINUTES
January 9, 2019 at 3:30pm
Town Office, Nowak Room, 10 Front St

Attendance: Julie Gilman, Russ Dean, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Minutes: approved, as well as annual report 2018

LED Streetlight Conversion: (Lew leads) Russ had a draft warrant and we worked on wording. Will meet with Jennifer to finalize before due date of 1/11/19. It will also be presented at Budget Recommendations Committee on 1/15/19 and we will attend. Renay and Julie will begin filming the LED info video next week.

Municipal Energy Audits: (Amy leads) We have one quote from Yankee Thermal Imaging to insulate the attic. Will solicit two more. Amy coordinating rebates with NHSaves/Prism Energy. Targeting a Sept/Oct work completion dates so as to realize energy savings as soon as weather turns. In this way the money saved on the energy bill then pays for the up-front work quickly. Can we get the work bill in two chunks? Average annual bill is \$12K in natural gas. Will ask Yankee Thermal to attend our Jan 30 meeting to discuss.

Clean Energy Goal: (Robin leads) Robin was away, so had discussion instead on a citizen's petition for a town sustainability officer.

NEW BUSINESS

ButtonUp Workshops: Opportunities to co-host with Stratham Energy Committee in Feb, and then in Exeter in Nov. All agreed. Renay will pursue and set dates with Robbin at PAREI and Mike Ream of Stratham.

NH Energy Legislators Panel: Opportunity to host a panel of folks from Concord in March at their "cross-over" time to inform citizens of upcoming bills and answer questions. All agreed. Will book Town Hall, look for co-hosting partners, and begin to invite panelists. Will work with Clean Energy NH on details. This will be free and open to the public. Will invite people from other town's energy committees as well. Renay will lead.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Amy – work on town hall energy audit/energy analysis, solicit two more quotes
- 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 – help with warrant article, support at Jan 15 Budget meeting
- Julie & Russ – work on LED warrant
- Renay –coordinate our video #2 on LED streetlights, Button Up workshops & legislature panel, and monitor state EV infrastructure notes.

Next meetings (2nd Wed/month):

Jan 30 at 3:30 (No meeting in Feb) March 13