

**Town of Exeter Energy Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wed. March 13, 2019 at 3:30 pm.**  
**Town Office, Nowak Room, 10 Front Street**

*Attendance: Amy Farnham, Renay Allen, guest Brianna Brand*

ONGOING BUSINESS: (Last month Minutes – approved)

**LED streetlights** – Passed the vote by the widest margin on ballot 2042 to 327. Will ask Jennifer Perry what next steps are for us. We will continue to do PR along the way. LED info video by Julie & Renay had 1K views before vote. Article #16 Info-graphic was widely spread. Renay wrote Letter to Editor.

**Town Hall Attic Insulation** -Amy got quotes from PRISM/ Newell & Crathern and Yankee Thermal. We would like to do energy modeling to find out numbers on heat bill reduction with new insulation. Building identified as least efficient. FY2018 heat budgeted for 18K, actual use was 13K (fairly warm winter). Can we significantly cut that with new insulation? How many years payback? Brianna will ask Dover Energy cmte about how they got their town baseline. This project moves to our #1 priority, since LED project winding down for us.

**March 27 “NH Clean Energy Outlook” talk at town hall**, volunteer needs: arrive at 6:15 to set chairs, A/V etc. (Renay & Lew trained with Exeter TV on microphones 3/13). By 6:30 speakers may arrive (Jessica Wilcox NHDES, Brian Buckley OCA, Joe Van Gombas NHSAVES Unitil, Henry Herndon Clean Energy NH). Will set side room to welcome speakers, give food (pizza). Talk at 7pm. Vendor table at the back for brochures. Now we are in final PR push to fill seats. Good opportunity for Exeter citizens, since the Sustainability Office passed on the ballot, as well as the article on Environmental Rights.

**Energy Goal** – Discussion on blurred line between our project “Clean Energy Goal” for town and the many issues a town sustainability office would work on (ie. Climate Goals). We would support this possible office, but continue to focus on our mission of energy efficiency. We would all like to learn how to use the EPA Portfolio Tracker software. Will look for online webinars from EPA.

**Solar siting to offset wastewater** – Brief discussion if drained ponds at DPW would be suitable. Tom Palma of Unitil reached out re a possible partnership. Contact him. Will have James Haselbeck in a to speak at May 8 meeting re; investors/financing for large arrays.

**Button Up Workshop** -we are co-hosting a March 20 event at Stratham Library 7pm with Stratham Energy Cmte. Will not do one in the fall.

**New member** -Brianna application to is delayed due to getting an address change on her ID.

**Host Drive Electric Week event, Sunday Sept 22** – Voted to do this in same fashion as last year. Renay will make the applications to town and NDEW.

**Recycle** – Glass is heavy and a gas hog to recycle. Increasing cost to town recycle budget. Does our recycle just get thrown away now due to no boats to China? Keep this in mind.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Amy- assembling insulation quotes, invite James Haselbeck
- Brianna -EPA software webinars, Dover energy modeling
- Renay – apps for NDEW, Tom Palma. Pizza & PR for panel, Darren parking update, DPW next steps
- Lew – visit Mike Lynch re Durham solar array
- Julie & Russ – ask Jeff Beck about any attic issues, water, etc.