

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday May 8 2019 at 3:30 pm. Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

Lew Hitzrot, Julie Gilman, Renay Allen, Robin Tyner, Jordan Dickenson, Amy Farnham. Russ Dean

Guest: Brianna Brand & James Hasselbeck,

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month Minutes approved.

Guest speaker James Hasselbeck of ReVision Energy spoke at length about considerations for municipalities working towards a solar project. Takeaways for Exeter: one large project is most efficient, investors need risk-free site, has no impact on capital budget til buy-time (7-10 yrs after depreciation = 40-60% of start -up price), development timeline is 12-24 months, need advocates during that time. First, we must calculate total town load, then can figure space needed. Need to be near 3-phase service. Will need several vetted sites (1mill kWh=2 acres flat). Then must write warrant article and do PR. Three year project.

EPA Portfolio Manager software. This will give us total town load. Several members familiar w/ software now. Need bills from 2017-2018. Then we will assign parts for cmte members to enter into town account "ExeterNH33". This also needed for energy modeling for town hall attic insulation project, and energy goals.

EVC – Drive Electric Week event Sunday Sept. 15. (9am to noon). Will have event meeting August in lieu of regular meeting. Already logged event into national site NDEW.org. Need 3 dealerships to host test-drives.

LED streetlights –Jennifer Perry (DPW), John Branagan (Affinity), Alec O’Meara (Unitil) and Renay filmed PR video re LED conversion roll-out w/ Exeter TV. Inventory happening now, switch out end of May. 3 weeks to complete.

Select Board: Renay presented to Select Board short update on May 6; 1. LED project, 2. pass on Eversource EVC report from SB517 commission on VW monies, and 3. recommend SOA activists become town ad-hoc cmte to help move along in more official manner.

NEW:

Cross-Committee reps: Facilities=Julie & Amy, Heritage= Julie & Jordan, SOA= Robin & Jordan, Library Renovations= Amy (maybe)

External collaborations & classes: Lew & Brianna attend CENH’s “Renewable Energy Taxation 101” (May 23). Renay attended first mtg of new “Seacoast Energy Hub” comprised of reps from energy cmtes of nearby towns. They will meet quarterly to update on projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: train on EPA software, library renovation cmte?

Julie: gather: info on solar buy-out of small array at DPW, info for tax exemptions for solar on homes

Robin: train on EPA software ExeterNH33 account (using test-mode)

Renay: get elec bills and enter some & share some, 3 dealership test drives, EVC parking space

Lew: attend Taxation class, report on take-aways specific to Exeter

Jordan: heritage comm rep, and co-lead on Drive Electric event

Brianna: has interview on May 20 for cmte 😊