

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

Attendance: Robin Tyner, Russ Dean, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen. Guests: Ted Stiles, Brianna Brand

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Guest: Ted Stiles of Yankee Thermal Imaging – Presented Power Point on insulation matters with pictures of town hall attic: open chases, knob and tube wires, etc. Suggest R50-60 blown in insulation and silver board. Will do energy modeling for us to estimate annual savings off electric bill (currently budgeted for 18K annual, usually use 12K). Estimates NHSaves rebate will be approx 35%, is an authorized vendor.

Municipal Energy Audits: (Amy leads) Amy had the flu, but sent an email – she is in the process of getting two more quotes, and is coordinating with Prism/NHSaves. She sent info on financing through NHcdfa's MERF loan.

Minutes: approved.

LED Streetlight Conversion: (Lew leads) Russ will make fact sheet to be available to the public for Deliberative Session and beyond. Exeter TV filmed Julie and Renay speaking about LED lights. It will be ready soon and shared on social media. The warrant article is #16, and was unanimously recommended by the select board 5-0. Renay and Lew attended the vote. Public will vote in March.

Clean Energy Goal: (Robin leads) Robin discussed a citizen's petition for a town sustainability officer for a Climate Goal, vs. a committee focused Clean Energy goal at length. Will wait to see what the March vote is on Sustainability Officer warrant article before moving forward. Informed us of an environmental Film Fest at the Exeter Inn on Feb 23. Brianna mentioned that Sustainable UNH may have summer interns, and that tracking and measuring can be done through EPA Portfolio Manager software.

ButtonUp Workshops: Ran out of time, tabled.

NH Energy Legislators Panel: (Renay leads) Opportunity to host a panel of State-level energy folks at the legislative "cross-over" time to inform citizens of upcoming bills and answer questions. Renay booked Town Hall for March 26 and 27, will pick best date, look for co-hosting partners. Panelists confirmed so far include moderator Henry Herndon on Clean Energy NH, and Jessica Wilcox of NHDES Transportation Div. 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 – write proposal sheet after March vote (Clean Energy Goals/Climate?)
- Lew – Don Clement request re solar for wastewater
- Julie & Russ – LED fact sheet, ask Jeff Beck about attic issues
- Renay –put our video #2 on LED streetlights on social media, coord legislature panel, monitor state EV infrastructure notes, and inquire at DPW if EPA Portfolio Manager software is in use.

Next meeting March 13, 3:30, Wheelwright Room
(April 10, May 8, June 12 please mark your calendars)