

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Sept. 11 2019 at 3:30 pm. Town Office, Novak Room, 10 Front Street

Brianna Brand, Julie Gilman, Renay Allen, Russ Dean

ONGOING BUSINESS:

EV Work Session Minutes/worksheet approved.

DPW Solar Array buy out. Julie states it was not included in CIP this year. Will revisit next year

EPA Portfolio Mgr. Renay paused project until we hear from Facilities Cmte. Do not want to do duplicate work.

Town Hall Attic Insulation. Julie states that leaky cupola is listed to be done this year on maintenance list. Once this is completed, we can move on with Yankee Thermal quote. Not sure timing, Julie will find out from DPW. Renay will call YTI and update. Also need to speak with Facilities Cmte on this.

EV Test Drive Event – next Sunday, Sept 15! – All ready to go: 4 Dealerships, 22 local owners, 6 tables, coffee donation from ReVision. Letter to editor last week and feature article on Friday. Amy hung 6-foot sign. Exeter TV will live-stream at 10:30 for one hour.

NEW:

Seacoast School of Technology – Scott Greenwood, teacher, called in and discussed with the cmte possible collaborations for the future. We would love this! Will touch base later. He will come to EV event.

Social Media Merger? Renay contacted Niko to suggest one main Facebook for several similar committees, to streamline communications and create synergy. Russ will investigate feasibility with Niko.

Sustainability Cmte. Russ gave draft copy of SO job description. Much discussion on how Energy cmte aligns. Energy cmte happy to support the new hire on energy matters when this happens.

Municipal Aggregation. New bill SB286 signed in Concord may benefit this town greatly in reduced electricity costs for home and business owners. As of Oct 1, all NH towns can get the same rate as their negotiated town municipal rate, or opt out. Brianna and Julie will get very specific details and present at October meeting to see how/when Exeter should do this. Julie thinks this will need a town vote.

Next meeting Oct 9 at 3:30, Wentworth Room (Renay & Lew away – need facilitator)

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: bring coffee/cups/ milk? to EV event, park cars

Julie: Talk to Jeff beck re cupola/insulation. Research SB286 re town vote, etc

Robin: will assist Jordan on Sunday at info/freebie tables

Renay: film commercial for EV test drive, last minute promos. Coord social media merger if/when with Niko

Lew: head test-drive sign up table Sunday

Jordan: co-lead EV event info tables

Brianna: park cars at EV event, research Municipal Aggregation