

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Nov 13 2019 at 3:30 pm. Town Office, Novak Room, 10 Front Street

*Brianna Brand, Lew Hitzrot, Amy Farnham, Jordan Dickenson, Renay Allen, Russ Dean*

### ONGOING BUSINESS:

October minutes approved.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Station** – next SB517 meeting is Nov 22. Renay and Brianna will attend. RFP form may be introduced. Renay has spoken recently with Chargepoint, Unitil, Exeter Economic Development Dir., and more. All discussions going through Darren Winham re rte 101 offramp station. Also noted that Ford has announced a roll-out on a national charging network for Ford people.

**Social Media Policy** Renay met with Bob Glowacky of Exeter TV to discuss current town policy. Added him as admin on the account. She will send all posts to him. Possible future of one town page for all green/sustainable doings. We are in support of this idea.

**Sustainability Fair by SAC.** Amy and Jordan agreed to host an Energy Cmte table at the town Sustainability Cmte event on Jan 24-26 (date TBD)

**Guest Speaker/Henry Herndon of Clean Energy NH.org/Municipal Aggregation aka “Community Choice Power”.** New bill SB286 signed in Concord may benefit this town greatly in reduced electricity costs from (Unitil) for municipal, home and business owners. As of Oct 1, all NH towns can participate in this program. Massachusetts already does this and realizes a discount of 5-15%. NH funding sources being developed now. Select Board would govern it. We can choose the energy mix, re-negotiate contracts annually or longer, and group with other towns like Stratham, etc., and hire one manager. Can do it ourselves, or hire an agent like GDS Associates. Have to make a community portal. There is volatility risk. Can make it simple or more complex. Can direct a portion of the savings (2 cents?) into a self-supporting energy fund so may continue controlling our own energy/peaks, etc. via renewable/efficiency projects for massive savings in future. Electricity is about 3-4 cents wholesale. There are many middle-men we could cut out. Lebanon NH will be the first town in NH. Energy cmte plan is to investigate this by any and all means. It would need to be on town ballot at some point. Russ says our current contract runs through 2021. Plenty of time! Later we will invite Unitil to speak to a group: us, Stratham, Hampton, etc, (similar to LED streetlights meeting two years ago.)

### Other news:

Jordan is moving out of town in a few months, must leave committee. Thanks for your past contributions!

Amy, Brianna, Lew, Renay, and Russ attending Local Energy Solution conference in Concord Nov 15, will go to presentations on EV chargers, Municipal Aggregation, Offshore Wind, Solar, and more.

**Next meeting Dec 11 at 3:30, Wentworth Room**

### ACTION ITEMS:

**Jordan:** contact SAC to find out about tabling at Sustainability Fair

**Amy:** research Municipal Aggregation, attend LES, work with Jordan re Sustainability Fair

**Renay:** research Municipal Aggregation, attend LES, continue to guide EVC project

**Lew:** research Municipal Aggregation, attend LES

**Brianna:** research Municipal Aggregation, attend LES

**Julie:** research Municipal Aggregation

**Robin:**