

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Jan 8, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

Lew Hitzrot, Amy Farnham, Renay Allen, Robin Tyner, Cliff Sinnott...: Russ Dean & Dave Sharples

ONGOING BUSINESS:

December minutes approved.

Heat Pumps and Hot Chocolate: An educational series where people visit homes with heat pumps and ask about them, while drinking free hot chocolate. NH Saves rebates are known. Amy checking with ReVision for other possible deals. Events in Feb/Mar/Apr at the homes of Amy, Robin, and Renay. They will pick dates. Russ says similar to "site walks."

Electric Charging Station: State RFP is due Jan 24. These are private sealed bids to the OSI, and Renay believes we will be included in at least two separate bids for the Level 3 fast-charge stations directly off the highway, as described by SB517. Later in Concord, discussions begin re phase 3 of VW settlement: level two charger money. Renay/Brianna will attend.

Community Choice Power: Julie and Cliff lead our discovery phase of Aggregation SB286 effective Oct 1, 2019. Until will still distribute power, bill remains the same. Could save residents money on bill by grouping with other towns and cutting out middle man buyers. A portion of savings could go into a clean projects fund, to build clean energy projects in Exeter. Cliff gave preliminary report, and report of small project by Tim Roche at RPC (both written). Will invite Tim to March meeting. Our contract ends Nov 30, 2021. (Municipal price is 7.75 cents KW/H.) May be able to be ready by then if we decide to go ahead. Conference call on 1/10 with Clean Energy NH, who is building a template. Many questions!

Granite Bridge Pipeline: A gas pipeline is proposed to run through Exeter along route 101. Lew, Jordan, and Robin worked on a draft position letter to be submitted to the Select Board prior to their voting on recommendations for the ballot. Much discussion. A vote was then called for if we should tweak then submit this letter. It was unanimously "yes" for all members present (5). The letter states considerations and facts why this pipeline is not needed. Lew, Robin, and Cliff will meet to tweak the draft, so it can be submitted next week. Will then ask Sustainability/ConComm, etc if they want to sign on.

Sustainability Officer: Dave Sharples, Town Planner, was named SO at last Select Board meeting. He will attend all of our meetings. He reports that he applied for and was awarded a grant from UNH for a Fellow to do 400 hours of a greenhouse gas study this summer. This baseline will inform our cmte work, as well as the Master Plan, and more.

Other: Small discussion about new energy bills from Concord, which are same bills vetoed before, but less effective. Renay will add Dave Sharples to our distribution list. Rob Corson/Facilities cmte suggests a quarterly meeting of several overlapping committees. Will have guest speaker at Feb meeting: Scott from CDFA. Renay spoke at last Select Board meeting to inform them about Offshore Wind Task Force. Amy did not get a chance to speak on solar siting so she will be on next agenda in #1 spot.

Next meeting Feb 12, at 3:30, Wentworth Room

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: contact Connor Farm, etc. Pick March date Heat Pumps & Hot Chocolate edu, and deals with Dan?

Brianna:

Cliff: Invite Tim Roche to March mtg re Community Power, work on pipeline letter

Julie: partner with Cliff on Community Choice research, work on 2011 solar PPA

Lew: work on pipeline letter, send cmte link to Friday conference call from Clean Energy NH

Renay: Pick Feb date for Heat Pumps & HC idea, design program, add Dave S to distribution list

Robin: work on pipeline letter, pick April date for Heat Pumps & HC