

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday March 11, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Town Office, Wheelwright Room, 10 Front Street

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

**** please note that town hall was shut down on March 18 due to COVID-19. All projects in LIMBO!****

GUEST SPEAKER: Henry Herndon of CleanEnergyNH.org, Tim Roche & Jill Longval of Rockingham Planning Commission

Henry presented a power point on recent updates to the NH version of Community Choice Power (municipal aggregation) from new SB286 in Oct 2019. He also sent us a copy on email. Towns can now group together to buy power from their residents and businesses, using same Unitil carrier. Can 1. choose their own % of clean energy, 2. get better price, and 3. create a town fund for more green projects.

Henry came to speak about the creation of a new quasi-governmental enabling entity being created that will be the hub for any town wanting to enter into Community Choice: CPNH (working name). So far there are 6 member towns/entities, in CPNH, figuring out how it will work. This is an ad-hoc coalition. A summit will be held on June 5. He also asked us to become a supporter of Clean EnergyNH.org at \$250. We voted/ agreed.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Feb minutes approved.

Heat Pumps and Hot Chocolate: Two of the three have been held. Each drew about 15 attendees. (Third will be cancelled due to COVID-19.) Attendees were very engaged. When questioned on how they heard: FB, papers, church, ReVision.

EVC Update: Level 3 corridor bid got no response, NHDES went back for RFI. Limbo.

Sustainability Update: Dave Sharples reports three candidates interviewed, near a hire soon for a May start on GHG inventory. Robin reports SO Comm work a film festival for early summer. Renay pitched idea for monthly video "Exeter Green Minute" to Dave/Kristin/Exeter TV. Where all cmtes give a 30 second update of bulleted list of items their cmte is working on each month.

Other: Exeter Climate Plan cmte mtg on May 7 (delayed), Green Your Fleet on June 4, Community Choice Summit on June 5

Next meeting April 8, at 3:30, Wentworth Room – not sure if town hall open?

ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe!

Amy: limbo

Brianna: limbo

Cliff: limbo

Julie: limbo

Lew: limbo

Renay: limbo

Robin: limbo