

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

Brianna Brand, Cliff Sinnott, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Robin Tyner, Amy Farnham.....: Julie Gilman, Henry Herndon

** please note ZOOM protocol was issued by town, public comment was available

GUEST ADVISOR: Henry Herndon of CleanEnergyNH.org No members of the public were present

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Preamble and Roll call executed.

Community Choice Power: Cliff and Lew lead this project. They have been attending webinars. Lew typed a paper with synopsis and presented to all. Next steps: June 5 summit webinar of core group forming CPNH (Community Power NH, quasi-gov agency), then present preliminary presentation to select board to notify that we are working on this for the next year. We will not be on core group of CPNH, but will start to look for local partners to form a buying block, and investigate viability, similar to what we did with LED streetlight core group. We will be first to investigate the option with Unutil.

EVC Update: Level 3 corridor bid got no response, NHDES went back for RFI. New RFP will be issued in June/July. Renay will follow and update. Brianna reports on "SourceWell", a membership option that enables a 20% discount on Level 2, and 5% on level 3

Sustainability Update: Greenhouse Gas intern still coming in May, but will work virtually. Robin resigned from Sustainability cmte, so will have to find new rep, maybe.

Other: "NE Ratepayers" group driving down price compensation to home solar owners through FERC – not good. BOEM will finalizes impact assessment of Vineyard Wind project by end of year, this will help future NH projects.

Next meeting June 10, at 3:30, ZOOM via Exeter TV

ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe!

Brianna: Follow EVC and other energy legislation in Concord

Cliff: Meet with RPC, attend June 5 CPNH summit, prepare presentation for June select board meeting

Lew: Meet with RPC, attend June 5 CPNH summit, prepare presentation for June select board meeting

Renay: Schedule June select board agenda item, email other energy cmtes to investigate a buying block

Robin: Decide whether to liaise with Sustainability cmte in unofficial capacity.