

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

*Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham.....: Dave Sharples, Rachel Nadolny, Henry Herndon*

No members of the public were present

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

**Preamble and Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes:** approved

**Resignation:** Brianna Brand has moved out of town. Renay accepted her letter and will forward to Select Board. ☹️

**Community Choice Power:** Cliff and Lew presented to Exeter Select Board last month. Results were encouraging. Next step is to have a meet n greet phone call with the 6 towns who want to join in "discovery" with us. Henry Herndon of CENH.org was in the Zoom mtg today and said he would help with that meeting.

**Sustainability Update:** Rachel Nadolny, UNH Fellow for GHG inventory presented. She is using the EPA's greenhouse gas inventory tool. She is midway through her reporting. Aug 14 is her final day. Preliminary results show high emissions from town vehicles. We will receive a copy of the report and look forward to final report with Dave Sharples. (Renay and Dave were to attend at NHDES Municipal EV "Green your Fleet" showcase at Loudon Speedway on June 4 that was cancelled due to Covid. Renay will find out about virtual). Dave reports that he and Julie LaBranche from RPC finished a needs/situation assessment and had a preliminary presentation to Sustainability Advisory Cmte (SAC). He will forward the entire report to us. We will look for areas of synergy. Also discussed streamlining social media and other communications from "green" town cmtes to help combat under-awareness of projects /accomplishments. Renay spoke with Chris Zigmont of SAC last month.

**Charter Update:** Renay reports that our charter from Nov 2017 needs an update in light of the three new cmtes formed since then: SAC, facilities, communications. Lines 2, 4, and 12 may be outdated. A workgroup of 3 was formed to discuss over the next month and will be on August agenda.

**EVC Update:** No update, still waiting for RFP to be re-issued from State Corridor Charging Cmte SB517. July?

**NDEW Oct 4.** Shall we withdraw our application for Oct 4 at the town hall bandstand? Would need to work with town health and safety officer. Would event be safe? What about mask rage? Perhaps virtual is better this year. Formed a workgroup of 3 to meet over the next month to discuss what a virtual event would look like. Results will be agenda item in August.

**Virtual public events:** How can we make our events virtual? Should we? Social distancing may go on for a year. Our annual public education events are; National Drive Electric Week (EV Test drive event w NDEW.org at Town Hall/Bandstand), ButtonUp NH (insulation w PAREI.org), Heat Pumps & Hot Chocolate (mini-splits, in homes). Occasionally NH legislation events (at Town Hall).

**Other:** Renay sent a letter of disappointment to Senator John Morgan over non-passage of better net-metering for NH.

**Next meeting Aug 12, at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob Glowacky!**

### **ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe!**

**Cliff:** Continue with Aggregation project, coord first Zoom mtg of local discovery group

**Lew:** Continue with Aggregation project, coord first Zoom mtg of local discovery group

**Renay:** Find out NHDES EV's virtual. Follow July RFP for corridor charging. Read needs/situation report from town planner. Watch SAC Zoom mtgs. Workgroups: charter & virtual NDEW.

**Robin:** Workgroups: charter & virtual NDEW. Read needs/situation report from town planner.

**Amy:** Workgroups: charter & virtual NDEW. Read needs/situation report from town planner.

**Brianna:** goodbye and thanks!