

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

Cliff Sinnot, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham, Robin Tyner.....: Dave Sharples, Julie Gilman

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

Community Choice Power: Cliff and Lew had a phone call with Cindy Carroll of Unitil. They are a distribution company and are unconcerned with who buys the power. They suggest a buying block to gain ensure economies of scale and efficiencies in the accounts. Many in Massachusetts already buy this way. They use a broker (Colonial?) to which they pay a fee, and the average household savings is \$5/month. But they pick their own mix of clean power. NH is forming a non-profit to be the broker (CPNH), so fee could be greatly reduced. Next step is a meet n greet Zoom with our potential "block" on Aug 18th. Dave Sharples will see who can represent town electricity buyer for this Zoom. PUC is still tweaking rules. CPNH sent out a draft of their bylaws and purpose. Lew and Cliff will have a call to see if they have any input on this document for Henry Herndon.

Granite Bridge Pipeline Update: The project has been nixed. Liberty Utils pulled their application after the PUC decided the potential numbers of customers was inflated, and that there is room on the existing Concord Lateral for them. Our committee was very happy about this!

Charter Update: The workgroup agreed 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 Lines 2, 4, and 12 may be outdated. Julie Gilman agreed. Renay will send a formal letter to the Select Board asking to tweak the language, and remove the trash recycling line.

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

NDEW Oct 4. After much discussion, there was a unanimous vote to withdraw our application for Oct 4 at the town hall bandstand and do a small virtual event instead. Exeter TV will help us create a small video of a local Tesla owner, and some other bits. (Not live-stream.) NDEW has a kick-off video we can promote on the first day of that week, and we can show our Tesla video at the end of the week. In addition, Renay will see if the dealerships want to do something for EV's at their shops on Oct 4 that we can promote.

GreenHouse Gas Report Update: Dave Sharples relayed that Rachel presented to the Select Board this past Monday night and recommended we view it. (Link below at 44 mins) Suggested was a reduction of 30% by 2030 (10years) and be carbon neutral by 2050. We can do this! Dave is looking into a 1.75MW array on the landfill for now (we had discussed this 2 years ago), and then much later we all have our eyes on the waste-water lagoons. The 1.75MW could supply 90% of municipal needs, and if we get the lagoons and the CPA block going - we could buy power from ourselves. Oh happy day.

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NH Emissions Commission: Robin will participate and report back. She has been very interested in a State-wide goal for some time. Results to be presented to Governor in December. NHemissionCommission.com

Virtual public events: The folks at ButtonUp NH (PAREI.org) asked if we wanted to host a live-stream that they will run. Ted Stiles will present and they will run it, we just promote and a couple of us should attend. It is scheduled for Sept 30th at 7pm.

Next meeting Sept 9th, at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob Glowacky!

ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe! Watch Rachel present at SB last meeting

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

Renay: Chat dealerships, Charter letter to SB, Tesla video

Robin: Emission Commission,

Amy: EV video w Renay/Bring your EV to Al's Auto. Be moderator on the virtual Button up re heatpump questions