

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Nov 18th, 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen, .....: 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 Disclaimer and Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes:** approved

**Opening slide:** Due to the visual nature of Zoom, for the benefit of the viewers, we will show a standard opening slide to give a snapshot of what the cmte is working on. **4 sections:** long term projects, public education, cmte workshops, and an energy-related graph. This so the at-home viewers can better follow along and understand our progress.

**Workshops:** The annual Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference was virtual. Keynote speaker's topic was intersectionality: [www.DrawDown.org](http://www.DrawDown.org) Renay and Lew attended seminars on Community Aggregation, and EV's. Amy presented a segment on solar and heat pumps.

**Community Choice Power:** Cliff and Lew report project is stalled at the moment while the PUC speaks with stakeholders. PUC is currently writing the regulations that would enable the recent legislation to begin. The northern coalition feels PUC may create burdens for the transition, re timing/price, which would make the energy rate less competitive. Lew and Cliff go on those calls and continue to research. Next steps: invite Andrea Hodson to present at next meeting.

**Electric Vehicles:** Renay met with Dave S and created a draft memorandum of Fleet EV FAQs for Dave and Russ to use to present to depts when they are looking to replace fleet vehicles via CIP. Goal of one EV per year. Police dept will get a Prius this year for a cruiser. Thrilled! All fleet vehicles are purchased via State contracts. Renay, Amy and Dave will fine-tune the memo draft.

**Sustainability Officer Update:** Dave Sharples relayed the solar RFP has been issued. Due to a Covid shutdown at the town hall he was unable to access his computer to gather the returns. Lew volunteered to be on an interview panel to check out the vendors. Dave will soon ask the Select Board to endorse a GHG reduction goal of 30% by 2030. This is in line with where the State is headed. Net zero by 2050. Energy cmte is strongly in favor of this, obviously. Renay asked to look at GHG inventory data. Dave will share it – spreadsheets, etc.

**OTHER:**

- **Public edu; Heat Pumps & hot chocolate via Zoom:** Amy and Renay will figure out how to present a Heat Pump info session on Zoom for Jan/Feb timing. Bob Glowacky says he will work with us.

**Adjourned 4:05pm**

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

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

**Cliff & Lew:** Continue with Aggregation project, invite Andrea Hodson to next mtg

**Lew:** meet with Dave Sharples re solar RFP group

**Renay & Amy:** Talk with Dave to tweak Fleet EV memorandum, figure out Heat Pumps n Hot Chocolate Zoominars.

**Robin:** 30 x 30 goal collaboration