

## **MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee**

Wednesday Dec 16th, 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

*Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen, .....: Dave Sharples, Julie Gilman*

members of the public were present: Lisa Sweet and Tom Pfau of Rye Energy cmte

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

**Preamble Disclaimer and Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes:** moved to next month

**Opening slide:** Due to the visual nature of Zoom we show a snapshot slide of what the cmte is working on. This slide also gets posted on the town Facebook before our meeting, to pique public interest and create understanding of our progress. Our videos get 150-300 views. Typical slide shows **4 sections of our charge:** clean energy, efficiencies, public education, cmte workshops.

**Community Choice Power:** Andrea Hodson of Harrisville was our guest speaker. She is on the Ag cmte in her town with 6 others, they have formulated a three-tier rate plan, with differing energy mix percentages. They are in Eversource territory. There will be a reserve fund to drive more clean energy and micro-grid projects. They have done a website, eBlasts, 5x8 info cards, and a newsletter and are on their third public survey. PR is so important. Feels the PUC rule making will not happen until Q2. They are considering three providers: Standard, Freedom, and CPCNH. She will send us a packet. Julie asked what the Ag cmte mission statement was, as we will need to present one to our select board. They did not use one, but we will get template from others. Rye energy cmte members were invited to watch her presentation as well.

**Electric Vehicles:** Municipal EV Best Practices/Case Studies Memorandum was finalized for Sustainability Officer use annually.

**Sustainability Officer Update:** Dave Sharples relayed that two firms replied to the solar landfill RFP. A cmte of 7 was formed to interview them. Lew was assigned to the cmte as Energy rep. They will work on the numbers before any public announcements. Dave also said that Sun Revolution sent numbers for an early buy-out of the DPW array at year 7. They will look at those numbers too, and report back. The Green House Gas Goal of 30 x 30 proclamation was finalized. Dave will bring before select board.

**Public education: Heat Pumps/AC units via Zoom:** Amy and Renay host 3 sessions via Exeter TV Zoom Webinar function; Jan 7, Jan 30 and Feb 17. Heat pumps are the most efficient heating a home can have, plus they also have an AC function. Renay suggested new construction should seriously consider heat pumps. Will put an agenda item on next month for Building Code Updates. Julie will have the latest info from the NH State House by then.

**OTHER:** A student has requested to join our cmte. We will interview Camille Webber at the beginning of the next meeting. While she cannot be a full voting member, due to restrictions, we would love to have a junior voice associated with us.

**Adjourned 4:30pm**

**Next meeting Jan. 13th, at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob Glowacky!**

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

**Renay will send** Andrea Hodson packet to all, do PR for Heat Pumps Zoom, check on Town Hall steeple leak completion

**Cliff & Lew:** Continue with Aggregation project,

**Amy:** Create content for Heat Pump Zoominars.

**Robin:** 30 x 30 goal collaboration