

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

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

Robin Tyner, Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen,: Dave Sharples

Members of the public: Camille Webber

** 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: Shown for the benefit of citizens at home. Typical slide shows **4 sections of our charge:** clean energy, efficiencies, public education, cmte workshops.

Student interview: Exeter High School student 9th grader, Camille Webber, introduced herself and spoke of her two-year project trying to get solar at the Middle School, and now at the high school (on the roof). Discussion of her role on the Energy cmte to be a liaison to the EHS students: Informing and inspiring them via the school newspaper or blog. Cmte would love to have a student voice. Suggested title for this non-voting associate: "Exeter High School Student Liaison to the Energy Cmte." We will find out details from Russ. And vote on it next month.

Landfill solar project: The cmte presented to the select board two days ago. 1.77 MW array at 3.62 million. No negative tax impact, only positive! 1.7 million dollars in income over 25 years. 7 million over 40 years. Cash positive from first year. Three options for warrant: no action, lease, or own. Cmte endorses OWN option to reap the most benefits in both cash flow and carbon reductions credits towards 30% carbon reduction by 2030 goal. Next steps. Do PR to the public, and attend next select board meeting, Jan 18th, when they decide. Dave sending in language samples.

Sustainability Officer Update: Dave Sharples relayed that they hired ReVision to do a professional assessment of the DPW solar array buyout from Sun Revolution. Results next meeting. Dave is soon to present Clean Energy goal of 30 x 30 to Select Board.

Community Choice Power: Cliff and Lew drafted a mission statement for the ad-hoc cmte that must be formed by law to examine if Community Power is a viable option for a town. Next steps – present to SB and ask for this cmte to be formed. Cliff and Lew will be on it. Need three more. Or do we want 7? Discussion of a new bill designed to hobble the whole endeavor.

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. First session had 1 attendee due to late PR, but we decided at last minute to host it on our personal Zoom account. Bob G has returned, so others will be via Exeter TV. Five sign ups so far. Will record and put video link on webpage.

OTHER: Betsy Stevens, PEA science teacher has been invited to apply to cmte. She would fill Brianna's empty spot. Kelsey Sullivan, who recently moved here from Concord where she was on Energy & Environment cmte, contacted us for exploratory discussion.

Adjourned 4:30pm

Next meeting Feb 10th, at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob Glowacky!

ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe!

Renay PR for solar, heat pumps webinars, get EHS Liaison language drafted.

Cliff & Lew: Continue with Aggregation project, ad-hoc cmte formation

Amy: Create content for Heat Pump Zoominars.