

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

Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> , 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

*Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen, .....*

Members of the public: Camille Webber, Elizabeth Stevens

**\*\* 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. Included solar landfill graphic for March ballot.

**Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte:** The charter we drafted last month was finalized last month and sent to the Town Manager and Selectboard. Today we took a vote and the charter was unanimously approved. We then took a vote to install Exeter High School student 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Camille Webber, in the position and she was unanimously approved. She accepted and stated that she had gotten approval from EHS to begin a newsletter/column for EHS.

**Landfill solar project:** Lew spoke of attending the deliberative session. There was much support, and the warrant was taken in as-is. No amendments. This will need a 3/5 majority to pass in March. Need PR now: Dave and the cmte will shoot a quick PSA at the Landfill next week. Amy will try to get some solar panels as props. Letters to the editor, Facebook graphic, etc. If passes this will be the largest Landfill array in NH. So happy!

**Green-Minute Video:** Dave Sharples and Renay will partner to make a 10-minute video to be shown during Earth Day/Month. We will invite chairs of various green cmtes to speak one after another and give a 1- minute update on their projects. Exeter TV will film and show on their channel/s. This project headed by the Sustainability Officer; Dave will do the intro, Camille will close. Renay will provide opening and closing slides. Renay will draft invite for cmte chairs. Production will be in March. Proposed to do it again in the fall, and make it a 2x/yr educational/PR project.

**Community Choice Power:** Cliff and Lew discussed their dismay at the new bill HB315 proposed to gut the old bill. We are on standby to see what passes. Lew, Renay, and Cliff wrote letters in support. Amy will testify. Will we need to wait two years???

**Public education: Heat Pumps/AC units via Zoom:** Amy and Renay host three 30-minute 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. Second session had 6 attendees. We decided to host one session per month for the spring. Apr, May, June. Need dates

**OTHER:** Elizabeth "Betsy" Stevens, PEA science/ecology teacher, has applied to cmte and had interview. We are unsure of the status. She introduced herself and gave background. We look forward to her joining soon.

**Adjourned 4:16pm**

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

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

**ALL:** film PSA at landfill, Feb 19th

**Renay** PR for solar, Do Green Minute invites

**Cliff & Lew:** Continue with Aggregation project, ad-hoc cmte formation, PR for solar

**Amy:** Testify re HB315, pick dates for spring heat pump Zooms

**Camille:** Solar PR, begin EHS newsletter project.