

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

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

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

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.

**Guest speaker:** Joshua Singer, new at Clean Energy NH came on for a quick meet and greet. He will be writing the LES newsletter now. April 12-23 is "Energy Week." He discussed SB109, HB106 and HB213.

**Landfill solar project:** Passed by the voters 1031/363!! Thanks to all who helped promote it; filmed videos, held signs, wrote letters, shared to friends, etc. Go team! Dave says next step is that Revision will do an interconnection study with Unitil to see if upgrades are needed. Renay will work with Dave to address bushes for abutters if needed. Need to raise 1M net-meter cap in Concord now. Renay will draft a list of ways to go online and support relevant State bills SB109 and HB106. **DPW Solar Array buyout is done.** Fixes that were needed have been addressed. Dashboard is down at the moment, but may get a cell signal of its own to mitigate problems.

**Community Choice Power:** Lew, Renay, and Cliff wrote letters in support, Amy testified. Maybe this helped? HB315 amendment went through a grand compromise and is now approved by both parties. And it may be better than original legislation from 2019. Next steps: Our cmte will attend March 18 webinar from Community Power Coalition NH, and then give interim update to select board on March 29th (Asking 1. to form ad-hoc cmte and 2. join CPCNH). Still need to wait for this new bill to officially pass.

**Green-Minute Video:** All 9 cmte chairs invited accepted. They will each record a 60-second update of "green" items their cmte is working on: Conservation, Tree, River, Sustainability, Master Plan, Facilities, Energy, EHS Energy. Julie asked for Housing and Heritage to be invited as well. Exeter TV is filming and will show the "Green-Minute" for April/Earth month. This will be the first time all cmtes involved with various green aspects of the town will present as one. No greenwashing!

**Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte:** Camille presented her first column for the Talon. Bob Glowacky will promote it on the town Facebook. She is looking into joining the EHS Environmental club, or making a new one. She recorded her portion of the Green Minute at the end of this meeting.

**Public education: Heat Pumps/AC units via Zoom:** CENH is hosting a heat pump webinar with a Mitsubishi rep and a member of the PUC on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We may link this to our site. Amy will write an Earth Day Snapshot letter to the editor in April.

**OTHER:** Elizabeth "Betsy" Stevens, PEA science/ecology teacher, has applied to cmte and had interview. Julie is putting her on the next select board agenda for approval. Also, sorry to report that we were unable to quickly get an assignment for a volunteer to do an energy audit on a town building for his BOC class.

**Adjourned 4:30pm**

**Next meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> , at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob Glowacky!**

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

**ALL:** sign in support of relevant bills at NH State House

**Renay** Create linked memo for Bills. Do Green Minute invites to Housing & Heritage. Attend March 18 CPCNH webinar

**Cliff & Lew:** Continue with Aggregation project, draft select board interim update. Attend March 18 CPCNH webinar

**Amy:** Earth Day memo pick dates for spring heat pump Zooms

**Camille:** second EHS newsletter project. Interview?