

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday April 14th , 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

Betsy Stevens, Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen, Camille WebberDave Sharples

Members of the public: none

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

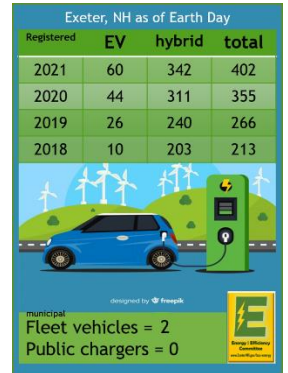
ONGOING BUSINESS:

Preamble Disclaimer and Roll call: executed

Last month's minutes: approved

Opening slide: Shown for the benefit of citizens at home. Included EV's in Exeter graphic for Earth Day

Guest speaker: Henry Herndon, of Community Power Coalition of NH



Community Choice Power: Henry showed the new CPCNH.org website, and where to find info to help with April 26th presentation to SelectBoard at which they will ask for permission to form an ad-hoc cmte to get the town data and investigate the feasibility. ("Join the Coalition" tab.) In Jan 2021 CPCNH was approved by the NH Atty General. There is no cost to join, and no cost at all until if/when the town votes YES next March and a power contract is signed. At that point the costs will be covered by the electricity rates. Lew & Cliff will get a cover sheet in the SB packet soon. Julia Griffen, town manager of Hanover will be invited to attend SB meeting to answer technical questions. Henry also spoke of omnibus legislation SB91, looking for support of part 4 and removal of part 5.

Landfill solar project: Dave Sharples reports that the interconnection study is just beginning. He and the town manager will wait until the next round to shop for the bank bond, as we have to wait until the Statehouse lifts the 1M net-metering cap. If all goes well, that lift should happen this summer.

Sustainability Officer update: Dave is a member of NEMS and mentioned a new idea called inline hydro, which generate from internal water lines. The New England Municipal Sustainability Network (NEMS Network) is a consortium of New England cities and towns that collaborate to build more sustainable communities consistent with the goals of the Global Covenant of Mayors. The Network empowers its members to identify, develop, implement, and manage programs and policies in each member community that achieve high levels of energy efficiency and energy resource sustainability and prepare for the impacts of climate change. It accomplishes this by: 1) providing ongoing peer-to-peer support, training and sharing of resources; 2) arranging for exceptional students from across the U.S. to work on key projects in member communities and 3) identifying opportunities and organizing cooperative multi-community initiatives that reduce GHG emissions in member communities or harden member communities from the impacts of a changing climate.

Green-Minute Video: Exeter's first Earth Day PSA video was premiered on April 2nd: 16 mins long featuring 9 committees. and can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-92pJ8ObcOc> Please view and share to social media

Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte: Camille reported that the website host for the EHS "Talon" went away, and they are looking for a new platform, which should be up soon. Her next article is ready to go.

Public education:

- **Heat Pumps/AC units via Zoom:** Amy and Renay will pick a date in May for next live webinar
- **ButtonUp NH Zoom: May 17th at 7pm:** An annual project of NHSaves that gives rebates for home insulation projects.

Adjourned 4:20pm

Next meeting May 12th at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Garret!

ACTION ITEMS: social distance & stay safe!

ALL: sign in support of relevant bills at NH State House, share Green-Minute

Renay Send Green-Minute link and SB91 support link to all, pick Heat Pumps date w Amy

Cliff & Lew: Continue with Aggregation project, draft select board interim update. Contact Julia Griffen

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

Betsy: Welcome aboard! New ideas welcome.

Camille: post second EHS newsletter project when new website up.