

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> , 2020 at 3:30 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

*Betsy Stevens, Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Renay Allen, Camille Webber, Robin Tyner*

*.....Dave Sharples, Julie Gilman* Members of the public: Bridget Danielson, Henry Herndon

**\*\* 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

**Visual agenda:** Shown for the benefit of citizens at home. Included May 17 NHSaves/Button Up Zoom Flyer

**Community Choice Power:** On 5/10/21 the Select Board unanimously approved the formation of a five-person Electric Aggregation cmte (EAC) to investigate Community Power for Exeter. They also voted to join the non-profit Community Power Coalition of NH to assist us with our endeavors. There is no charge. Discussion focused on populating the EAC. It is not a sub-cmte of Energy, but a stand-alone that will be dissolved by 2023 or when the work is done. However, one or possibly two Energy members would be on it. Nick Devonshire of Clean Energy Capital has accepted the invitation. We will work over the next month to create a slate of nominees to EAC and present them to the Select Board in June or July for approval. The HB 315 legislation is still being worked out, so a slow pace is ok. Goal is to have a plan drafted by Jan 2022, for a citizen vote in March 2022.

**Landfill solar project:** Dave Sharples reports still waiting for the net-metering cap to be raised. (We will send a letter as a cmte; SB109 tabled?) This year is a planning year for the array ; construction next year. Letter of intent is finalized.

**State House Legislation update:** Julie Gilman spoke of SB86, an omnibus. Of concern was part 3 in regards to towns being unable to preclude any specific types of energy from inside their borders. Also, a new State Energy Commission is being formed, taking from OSI, PUC, and others. Stay tuned

**Solar Tax Exemption:** Julie and Amy will research this Exeter regulation with the town assessor's office and come back next month with a report/ recommendation. Currently, there is no dollar amount attached. This is how it was originally written.

**CENH membership:** The Town of Exeter is a member of Clean Energy NH. \$200 annual membership can be renewed now. Julie will find out how this was done last year. And she will try to create a line item in the budget for us. Currently, we have no budget. Cliff thinks we will need a budget for mailings regarding Community Power. Julie will report back

**Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte:** Camille reported that her new second article is up at <https://sites.google.com/sau16.org/thetalon/home?authuser=1> She will attend meetings during the summer break.

**Green-Minute Video:** Renay asked Bob Glowacky of Exeter TV to run the video on cable occasionally, thru the summer. It can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-92pJ8ObcOc> Currently has 92 views on YouTube and 7 FB shares.

**EVC:** Renay and Darren Winham will Zoom soon with Chargepoint to get updated on this stalled project re the VW monies.

### Public education:

- **Heat Pumps/AC units via Zoom:** Amy and Renay held this Zoom on May 1<sup>st</sup>. two attendees
- **ButtonUp NH Zoom: May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:** An annual project of NHSaves that gives rebates for home insulation projects. Renay offered a co-hosting opportunity with the Sustainability Advisory cmte next winter.

**Adjourned 4:18pm**

**Next meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30..... ZOOM via Exeter TV thanks Bob**

### ACTION ITEMS:

**ALL:** recruit members for EAC

**Renay** Zoom with Chargepoint, Letter in support of net-metering

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

**Amy:** Work with Julie on Solar Exemption report

**Betsy:** Consumer rebates project

**Camille:** post third EHS newsletter project