

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday June 9<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, Members of the public: Nick Devonshire*

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

### ONGOING BUSINESS:

**Preamble Disclaimer and Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes:** amended and approved

**Visual agenda:** Shown for the benefit of citizens at home. Included 2020 NH Electric Energy Mix pie chart (67% nuclear)

**Energy Aggregation Cmte Candidate meet n greet:** Nick Devonshire introduced himself. He has an impressive background energy markets, finance, and clean energy. Currently employed at Clean Energy Capital. He is an alum of PEA and lives in Exeter. Next step is to fill out a volunteer application for the EAC and submit to the select board.

**Community Choice Power/Aggregation:** Lew spoke of a handful of towns that have passed or drawn up Agg plans. He asked Cliff and Nick to email him dates/times for a first meeting to set up a frame for the new EAC committee; meeting schedules, deadlines, data policy, etc. Renay will publicly post this meeting as a non-public working meeting for them. Once they get going, they will post their own meetings. Cliff spoke of two other candidates he is working on. The full roster is five. A full slate will be presented to the select board soon. However, each candidate will have to submit their own application.

**Sustainability Officer Update:** Dave Sharples reports slow progress on the 5MW net-metering cap raise. Today it was non-concurred and sent to committee. Final vote due June 24. He reports the SAC is working on a single use plastic policy for municipal buildings, and will put forth a full sustainability office position in the next budget.

**Solar Tax Exemption:** Julie Gilman had conflict for this meeting, so this topic was tabled until next month. We will have a special guest speaker address it then. CENH membership: also tabled until next month.

**Rebate Webpage:** Betsy pitched an idea to create a page on our website with links to NH energy rebates and more. Also to use social media to spread the word. All agreed it was a good idea to help educate the public. Bob Glowacky said she could send to him to post to our Facebook, and then he would share to the Exeter Community Forum Facebook page. Amy volunteered to help her on the project.

**Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte:** Camille reported that her third article, a recap of our ButtonUp Zoom has been printed in the school newspaper, online. There will be a new website soon. She is also working on a solar project for a Special Education house, which she will present to the school board in July. Electric school bus project in fall.

**EVC:** Same as last month: Renay and Darren Winham will Zoom soon with Chargepoint to get updated the VW monies.

**Public education:** ButtonUp NH Zoom: May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Had 6 attendees, and Camille audited.

**Field Trip:** Renay will connect with mechanical engineers Palmer & Sicard for a building tour. Email her if you want to go.

**Tidal/Current Power:** Robin spoke of hydro-kinetic technologies in which turbines turn slowly under the river (companies include Verdant and ORPC). She also reported that she is hosting an Energy event for veterans as part of her Atlantic Council Veterans Fellowship on July 22 in Stratham. This is a presentation and networking event on topics including solar, geothermal, hydro, and grid. She will provide more details later.

**Adjourned 4:16pm**

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

**Renay:** Post meeting for EAC, contact Palmer & Sicard for tour

**Cliff & Lew:** Meet as pre-EAC with Nick, fill final two spots

**Amy:** Work with Julie on Solar Exemption report, work with Betsy on Rebates social media project (and Bob G)

**Betsy:** Consumer rebates project with Amy

**Camille:** Enjoy summer, get ready for 10<sup>th</sup> grade