

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday July 14th, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

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

.....Dave Sharples, Julie Gilman, Russ Dean, Janet Whitten Members of the public: none

ONGOING BUSINESS:

First time in person since Covid!

Last month's minutes: approved

Energy Aggregation Cmte : Lew & Cliff The select board approved applications for Lew, Cliff, Nick Devonshire and Julie LaBranche. Timeline is to have a proposal for the select board by Dec. Cliff has plans from three other towns and will craft a first draft for Exeter. Lew asked Bob Glowacky to assist with the various public education events (Q&A events, survey, webpage FAQ, etc) they need to have this fall. CPCNH is making templates we can use as members.

Solar Tax Exemption: Janet Whitten stopped in for a minute to explain the exemption and answer questions. Amy will work on a FAQ sheet that we can attach to our webpage, and Betsy's rebates page. Stats: There are 76 exemptions. Panels are valued at \$500 each. (2021 grand total apprx \$2Million, including the PEA array at \$775K).

Rebates Webpage: Betsy created a two-page webpage: State/Federal. Will add third page of solar exemption FAQ. And maybe another on weatherization. It was mentioned that Stephanie Marshal is working on a low-income weatherization project. Exeter has highest number of mobile homes in the State. Renay will ask Stephanie about it and loop in Betsy. Talk of how to get it to Bob to check for conflicts and attach our proposed rebates page to current webpage, and post on Facebook.

Student Liaison to the Town of Exeter Energy Cmte: Camille reported she is working on a project in regards to a small house on the EHS property that is targeted to be converted to an independent-living classroom for students. During the renovations she is suggesting solar, heat pumps and more green aspects. She will present to the school facilities cmte in August. SST may be involved. We support this project.

Sustainability Officer Update: Dave Sharples reports that Gov has still not signed the 5MW cap increase, but Letter of Intent has been sent to ReVision, and they will now progress with the interconnection study. The financials have changed since the vote, resulting in a 7K loss over the first two years before generating a profit in year three and for the life. We are not happy about this. It will go to bond in Jan, and hopefully a low rate will help mitigate. In good news, DPW is requesting two vehicle replacements with 4-5 hybrid half-ton trucks in the next CIP.

Town Hall attic insulation: Roof leak is fixed, so maybe now is the time to return this project to front burner. Three quotes from two years ago. Let's look at them again and see if we can move this project forward in 2021 or 2022.

NDEW Electric Car showcase is Sun, Sept 26th 10-1pm: Same as last time, at bandstand/Town Hall. Application in progress.

Veterans Energy Forum is Thurs, July 22, 5-7pm: Robin and Amy will present, as well as Key HVAC, and ORPC (marine hydrokinetic power from river and tidal turbines.)

Palmer & Sicard HVAC Open House is Wed, July 21, 2-5pm: Renay met with president Mark Hodsdon about accelerating the transition to clean energy. He said about 70% of his commercial customers request clean components, but many back off when they see the price. He invited cmte to the open house of their new building on Holland Way.

Alewife Fest returns! May 2022: Town Resources Planner Kristin Murphy leads this project.

Adjourned 4:35pm **Next meeting Aug 11th, filmed in Wheelwright Room**

ACTION ITEMS:

Cliff & Lew: EAC cmte work= (Draft Aggregation plan, survey, flyers, etc)

Amy: Work with Julie/Janet on Solar Exemption FAQ, send to Betsy for Rebates page. Find old town hall attic quotes.

Betsy: Consumer rebates project with Amy & Bob, add weatherization page?

Camille: Enjoy summer, get ready for 10th grade

Julie: Procure \$200 for CENH dues, inquire about battery operated lights for police vehicles

Renay: Coord car dealerships for EV day, Call Stephanie Marshall, attend Alewife Fest meetings