

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Aug 11th , 2020 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

*Betsy Stevens, Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen,
..... Julie Gilman, Russ Dean* Members of the public: none

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month's minutes: amended and approved

Energy Aggregation Cmte : **Lew** showed us the new EAC logo. Said they are working on a media campaign to include press releases, letter to editor and survey. Next cmte meeting is on the 23rd with Henry Herndon of CPCNH as a guest. The survey will go out in Oct. Will submit it to Bob Glowacky for distribution on various town platforms.

Rebates & solar exemption FAQ Webpage: Betsy has submitted her work to Bob G who is formatting it for the town website. Amy is submitting a list of FAQs to be included, as well as a sample form for the solar exemption, with explanations and pointers on how to fill out.

Sustainability Officer Update: Dave Sharples sent an email update regarding the landfill solar project, which was read aloud: "We held the internal kickoff meeting yesterday here at ReVision to ramp up development activities for the Landfill Solar project, per the list of Activities and Target Dates in the LOI. My colleagues Allison Gehrich and Steve Dzubak, as well as our company Director of Operations James Hasselbeck, a Kingston resident, (all copied here) will be taking the lead on those activities and will soon be reaching out to you with various requests for information and/or access to the site to accomplish different steps in the process. We have the most recent (2020) Landfill Post-closure Report, as it was recently posted on the Town website, but there are other documents and plans that Allison will talk with you about."

Signing of bill HB315 - When will it finally happen? Exeter is in the running as a possible spot. Russ and Dave will coordinate a governor's visit, if it comes to pass. Energy cmte will attend.

Town Hall attic insulation: Amy brought the three quotes from two years ago. Russ asked her to contact Yankee Thermal to get an updated quote and forward it to him. Will look at timing of the project within maintenance budget. Plus need to run by Facilities cmte, and let Sustainability Advisory cmte know.

NDEW Electric Car showcase is Sun, Sept 26th 10-1pm: Renay invited all dealers on the "auto-mile" and found much more enthusiasm than past years. Although, inventory levels are low for all autos. Local owners showcase has a couple of people RSVPd through the NDEW.org platform. Volunteer assignments were agreed upon.

Energy "Ambassador" Partnerships: On a regular basis, in an "ambassador" capacity, we will visit businesses and groups working on efficiency or clean energy projects. So far, we have been in contact with Mark Hodsdon at Palmer & Sicard HVAC, and the Exeter chapter of 350NH who are working on an insulation project for the mobile home parks.

Energy Cmte Budget Line-Item: Julie suggested we get an official line item in the budget so that we can pay the CENH dues every year, and small items like that. Russ will look into it.

ISO-NE Field trip: Kate Epsen of ISO-NE will give us a virtual field trip via her Zoom, due to Covid. Perhaps later we can all journey to Holyoke to visit the facility. Discussion of date in Oct at 5pm, and how to phrase this to be in compliance with the RSA. The Zoom may have to be held in town offices, so a quorum is present.

Adjourned 4:05pm

Next meeting Sept 8th , filmed in Nowak Room w guest speaker Bob Hayden of Standard Power (Agg)

ACTION ITEMS:

ALL: Get tickets for annual CENH Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference, Fri, Oct 8th at Grappone Ctr

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

Amy: Finish Rebates page project w Betsy. Send old town hall attic quotes and update Yankee one to Russ

Betsy: Finish Rebates page project w Amy

Camille: Enjoy summer, get ready for 10th grade

Julie: inquire about battery operated lights for police vehicles

Renay: Coord EV day, date for ISO-NE zoom tour, attend Alewife Fest meetings