

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Sept 8th, 2021 at 3:30 pm. Nowak Room, filmed

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

..... *Russ Dean* Members of the public: Bob Hayden

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month's minutes: approved

Guest Speaker: Bob Hayden of Standard Power spoke for 30 minutes. His company provides turn-key solutions for towns who want to aggregate. They (SP) partner with Good Energy, who run 100 plans in MA and RI, and has saved towns \$80 million already. Keene NH signed with SP last month and they have delivered contract to PUC, which has 60 days to respond. SP charges 1/10 of 1 cent per KWh as a fee.

Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC) : Lew & Cliff presented a draft of the ECPAC mission and goals for a community power (aggregation) plan for our feedback. Cmte members will review and email them separately. ECPAC is planning a public panel discussion in Nov.

Rebates & solar exemption FAQ Webpage: Betsy has worked out an airing schedule with Exter TV and Facebook. The Rebates link is on the Energy and Sustainability Advisory Cmte pages. Amy says the solar exemptions FAQ page is on the town tax assessors page. Betsy and Amy will work with Renay to get a press release in the papers.

Sustainability Officer Update: (HB315 Net-metering cap raise to 5 MW was finally signed by the governor at the end of Aug, after having been in his pocket since May.) Dave Sharples sent an email update regarding the landfill solar project, which was read aloud: Revision stated that since so much time has passed since their proposal, costs have gone up. This they want to pass on to the customer (\$7000 apprx). Our citizens voted YES to the project with no upfront costs, so this is problematic. ReVision states they hope to be able to absorb the new costs, if inflation recedes, but if not, to keep in mind the savings over the life would be reduced, but still be \$5 million.

Dave also states that he has proposed making the Natural Resources Planner (NRP) a full-time position in the 2022 budget. Duties expanded to be staff support for Energy and SA cmtes. SAC agrees and supports the idea. The current NRP is Kristen Murphy.

Cmte Field trips: LES Conference in Nashua Oct 8th, ISO-NE Zoom tour Oct 28th at 5pm (updated)

Student Liaison Update: Camille will begin writing energy updates for her school newspaper again. Articles on Community Power and the Rebates Webpage. Also looking into a regional HS energy club with Belmont High.

Town Hall attic insulation: Amy still working on updating the quotes from 2 years ago. Vendors want to see the space again.

NDEW Electric Car showcase is Sun, Sept 26th 10-1pm: Renay is working on the PR schedule. Amy will bring coffee.

Energy "Ambassador" Partnerships: On a regular basis, in an "ambassador" capacity, we visit businesses and groups working on efficiency or clean energy projects. Renay got the Exeter chapter of 350NH in touch with Executive Councilor Janet Stevens. This is an insulation project for the mobile home parks, helping to remove barriers to projects like NH Saves. There are 1100 mobile homes in Exeter, largest number in the state.

Adjourned 4:45 pm

Next meeting Oct 13th , downstairs in Wheelwright Room

ACTION ITEMS:

ALL: Send feedback about aggregation plan to Cliff & Lew, Get tickets for LES Conference

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

Amy: Continue working on updated town hall attic quotes

Betsy: Write Rebates press release with Renay

Camille: Write news articles, embroider cmte safety vests with our logo

Julie: inquire about battery operated lights for police vehicles, line-item in Budget for energy cmte

Renay: Coord EV day, Rebates press release, attend Alewife Fest meetings