

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Nov 10th , 2021 at 3:30 pm. Nowak Room

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

Julie Gilman Members of the public: none

ONGOING BUSINESS:

**This meeting was filmed by Exeter TV**

**Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes & 10/28 ISO-NE Zoom Field Trip minutes:** both approved

**Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC) :** Lew and Cliff presented, as reps of the ECPAC, for 15 minutes on Community Power: why, how, who, etc. This was the official kick-off of the public education campaign, and they invited all to a filmed panel of experts with live Zoom Q & A on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The final video will be posted on their webpage [www.exeternh.gov/bcc-cpac](http://www.exeternh.gov/bcc-cpac) . Future schedule includes: 11/29/21 Public Hearing #1 at Nowak Room, 12/6/21 Deliver proposal to Exeter Select Board, 12/13/21 Public Hearing #2 at Nowak Room. If Select Board approves then: 1/18/21 Select Board writes a warrant article, 2/5/22 Town Deliberative Session, 3/8/22 Town Vote. The presentation was timely tonight, as world leaders gather at the climate summit at COP26.

**Town Hall attic insulation:** Amy reports quotes are in. One would remove existing cellulose insulation, the other would seal it. DPW is putting the cost in their 2022 budget. This project has been two years in the making. Delayed due to fixing of water leaks. NHSaves has sent in a quote of an 8K match for the project. Their monies are in flux this year due to reconfigurations of PUC, and etc. This matter will come to a committee vote for recommendation at the Dec Energy meeting.

**Student Liaison Update:** Camille attended the Belmont Climate Summit. Video is available. She is now the secretary of the EHS Environmental Club, and will promote Community Power at the HS. Looking for a topic for her next article.

**Electric Vehicles/Chargers:** Renay met with town building/code inspector, Doug Eastman, to inquire about process for EVC permits. It is not clear how many and what kind of EVCs are in Exeter. Julie suggested that a line be added to development permits asking whether the project will include EVC's. Renay and Jon Flewelling will soon embark on an EVC Gap Analysis to determine the number of chargers the town will need in the future (3, 5, 10 years) and present this to the Planning Board next spring. Re; the level 3 Corridor Charging project (from VW monies), the project is back on the front burner. Renay has been speaking with Darren Winham, James Penfold of ReVision EVC, and Drew Drummond of Chargepoint, and they are speaking with the Hannaford people. RFP for both level 3 and co-located level 2 are due to State on Jan 7, 2022.

**Energy "Ambassador" Partnerships:** Renay and Natural Resources Planner, Kristen Murphy, went to speak with the Public Library directors to reestablish the Alewife festival. Confirmed: Saturday May 14/21, 2022 at Founder's Park, as well as inside the public library. This will be about viewing the fish, as well as environmental tables outside (Energy & other cmtes), films and children's activities. In a way, this is the Earth Day Fair we have been thinking of for a while.

**Public Speaker:** Betsy reports that she is working on having Dr. Liz Wilson (who was the keynote at LES) as an environmental speaker at PEA, with DR Liz also being hosted by the Energy cmte for a free town-wide public talk. *Dr. Elizabeth J. Wilson is a Professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth, and the inaugural Director of the Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society. She studies how energy systems are changing in the face of new technologies and new societal pressures. Her work focuses on the implementation of energy and environmental policies and laws in practice. She studies how institutions support and thwart energy system transitions and focuses on the interplays between technology innovation, policy creation, and institutional decision making.*

**Adjourned 4:45 pm**

**Next meeting Dec 8<sup>th</sup> , Wheelwright Room – not filmed**

### ACTION ITEMS:

**All:** promote Community Power materials. Get ready for insulation vote at next meeting.

**Betsy:** Finalize Dr Liz talk. **Amy:** insulation quotes ready for vote. **Camille:** new EHS article

**Renay:** EVC gap analysis. **Lew & Cliff:** ECPAC media campaign.