

## MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Feb 9, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

Betsy Stevens, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Camille Webber, Robin Tyner. Via phone: Amy Farnham.

Russ Dean, Dave Sharples. Members of the public: none

### ONGOING BUSINESS:

**Last month's minutes:** approved by roll call

**Student Liaison Update:** Camille reports that Lew may come to the school to present about Community Power (CP) to the Environmental Club and science class via Mr. Brough.

**PEA Students:** Betsy reports that Lew came to her Human Population & Resources class speak about a Service-Learning project around Community Power, however, none took it as their project, so far.

**Earth Day "Green Minute" video:** Bob Glowacky will film. Either Dave Sharples or Kristen Murphy for intro.

**Electric Vehicles/Chargers:** Much discussion and ado, then a vote was taken by roll call and unanimously approved. The attached "Exeter NH Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) Infrastructure Report, 2022" will be mentioned to the Planning Board next week by Dave. Then a formal presentation will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> with Renay. The cmte will create a "EVSE Fact Sheet" for Doug Eastman to hand out to applicants.

**Town Hall Upgrades:** Amy reports she met with an ad-hoc cmte and Jeff Beck re HVAC and insulation. We are in the backlog for matching funds from NHSaves. She has been in touch with Joe Van Goombas of Unitil again. Russ states the weatherization will happen first, before the HVAC. Will present to Select Board as a package.

**Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC):** Congratulatory applause! Lew reports the Select Board unanimously approved warrant article #32 Community Power on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. There was no change during the Feb. 5 Deliberative Session at EHS. No negative comments at all. Much support from all. Public edu sessions include: Riverwoods, Rotary, EHS, and also three public Zooms on Feb 19, 20, 22. Town vote is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Solar at Landfill:** Dave states project is in interconnection study phase. There was a two-month delay, and the report is due on March 9. Dave will bring on a pro to assess the results and help negotiate. He is working with Jeffrey Kites from Unitil. Bond application should happen in April if all goes well.

**Wish List:** The person who puts something on the list is responsible for heading up the tactics of that item. List includes: 5M array at lagoons (Lew); electric school buses (Renay); Climate Goals (Camille); Ocean Kinetics speaker (Robin)

**Line item:** Russ states the \$200 municipal membership fee can be from the Select Board Special Expense line.

**Guest Speaker:** Renay will invite Same Evans-Brown of CENH in to speak with in April or May

**Energy Web App site:** Renay asked for permission to give cmte emails to Peter Nelson of Newmarket Energy cmte to explore his clearinghouse of NH and MA energy projects. All agreed.

**Adjourned 4:30 pm**

**Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> , Wheelwright Room – (no meeting in March)**

### ACTION ITEMS:

#1 All: Promote Community Power education materials. Vote is March 8.

Amy: keep an eye on the NHSaves backlog funds.

Renay: EVSE Fact Sheet for discussion, invite Evans-Brown,