

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room (no mtg in March)
Amy Farnham, Betsy Stevens, Robin Tyner, Cliff Sinnott. Via phone (Covid) Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen. Julie Gilman, Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples. Members of the public: none

ONGOING BUSINESS: (Amy ran the meeting)

Last month's minutes: approved by roll call

Guest Speaker Jack Martel and Hery Herndon of Freedom Power: Described a revenue-sharing program with Hydro aggregation for muni/school districts made possible by HB315 whereby the muni gets a check for .005 cents /KwH, because Hydro needs to offset 1KW generation. This is a good interim plan while waiting for our solar to go online.(Cannot be on two net-metering plans at once by law) Exeter & Timberlane school districts already signed up as is city of Concord, etc. We stay with Until, and get a hydro rebate check each month! Win-win. Jack will send application.

Solar at Landfill: Dave states the interconnection study was fraught and we missed the bond period. Next attempt at bonding will be Jan 2023. Disappointing, but best to wait for new PUC standards regarding the Utility company standards in these matters, and they are remarkably slow. Dave introduced Kristen as taking his place as SO.

Alewife Festival, Sat May 14th 9-1pm: Kristen Murphy is the new Sustainability Officer as of 4/1/22. We welcomed her happily. Energy Cmte (Amy, Renay, Lew) will table at the Alewife event. Kristen and Renay will go pick out a spot in the park where we can park nearby an EV or two.

Earth Day "Green Minute" video: Second annual. Bob Glowacky filmed blurbs from these cmtes: Energy, ECPAC, River, Tree, Con Comm, SAC, Facilities, Kristen Murphy debut, and Planning Board.

Electric Vehicles/Chargers: Renay reports Exeter was pulled from the VW Monies Corridor Level 3 RFP at the last minute by the vendor. (Cliff reports rumbles of upcoming DOT grants for EV infrastructure proposals, this may offset our dismay). Good news is that the planning board accepted the "Make ready" language in above graphic, making us the second to do this in NH. The town clerk reported the annual EV numbers in the grid below.

Town Hall Upgrades: Amy reports she will meet 4/20 with ad-hoc cmte/ Jeff Beck re HVAC and insulation. (The weatherization will happen first, before the HVAC, and all will be presented to Select Board as a package.) PUC finally reinstated matching NHSaves funds for munis in the queue. Project should move forward quite soon!

Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC): Congratulatory applause! Lew reports the citizens voted for it by 5 to 1! The process will be very slow, still waiting for PUC rules. Lew & Cliff will meet with Lisa Sweet, Member Outreach at CPCNH to find out next steps, then present the info to the Selectboard.

Tidal Screws: Robin will work with Kristen to see if the ORPC hydro power would work in Exeter River.

Next Guest Speaker: Same Evans-Brown of CENH at May meeting

Adjourned 4:29 pm

Next meeting May 11th, Wheelwright Room –

ACTION ITEMS: Hydro application via Freedom

Lew & Cliff: update next steps for ECPAC to selectboard

Amy, Lew, Renay: ready for Alewife Fest table, ECPAC/EV materials, etc

Amy: town hall insulation

Renay: EVSE Fact Sheet for discussion, go with Kristen to Founders Park

Robin & Kristen: ORPC hydro info

