

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday July 13, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room
Cliff Sinnott, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham, (& on Zoom Robin Tyner)
Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples. Members of the public: none

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month's minutes: approved

Guest Speaker Sam Evans-Brown of Clean Energy NH: He is the new Executive Director and spoke of changes to the org. Kelley Buchanon is assigned the State House, Chris Skoglund is assigned to the PUC. They will be hiring a "circuit rider" for our area soon. We look forward to a very close relationship with this new contact. CENH will be focusing on 6 areas this upcoming legislative session. LES conference will be on Oct 14th.

Landfill solar array update: Dave Sharples reports that after an almost 9-month delay Unitil has sent the study to us and the numbers are vastly changed and slightly mysterious. Very lively discussion with Sam on this. It may be 2 years before PUC makes a standardization law re interconnection studies. Our array size may need to be reduced to 1.4MW to make the promise to the voters work, (ie, Cash positive from the start) and Dave had worded the warrant article as "up to 1.77MW". Possibly can find monies for this under new bipartisan grid infrastructure modernization law. Referred to Melissa Erlander, CENH North circuit rider, to see how she has done it with others. Mid Nov is Dave's deadline to get the deal done in order to be ready to bond.

Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC): Lew & Cliff will bring 2 amendments before the selectboard, 1 on JPA and 1 on EAC. There is a delay at the PUC creating the new regs, which in turn delays us. April is still the target for launch.

Electric Vehicles/Chargers: Renay has the date for the EV Test Drive day at the town hall for Sun, Sept 25. Trying to get an electric trash truck from MACK. Sam reports that Josh Singer will coord this event Statewide.

Town Hall attic insulation: Amy reports this was completed on time. Hooray!!

Adjourned 4:43 pm

Next meeting Sept 14th , Wheelwright Room

ACTION ITEMS:

Lew & Cliff: ECPAC to selectboard on July 18th

All; get ready for annual EV day!!

Renay: Connect Dave S and Melissa Erlander re grid modernization monies ,

Camille: introduce us to the new girl

Kristen: dues to CENH?