

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Dec 14th , 2022 at 3:30 pm. Nowak Room

Robin Tyner, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Julie Gilman, Olivia Shore, Neila O'Brien, Julie Gilman

Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples, Doug Eastman. Members of the public: Tori Gelt, Joe Van Gombas, Charlie Case

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month's minutes: approved

Safety Complex Proposal: Tori Gerlt of Resilient Buildings Group and Joe Van Gombas of Unitil/NHSaves gave a 30-minute intro to what they see as the grant/rebate/incentives possibilities of the proposed Public Safety Complex project. This would be parallel to the IRA's Climate Infrastructure incentives. This was a meet & greet and a very preliminary conversation. Goal is to have the project Net-Zero with a quick ROI.

2015 Building Codes update: NH will require on 1/2023 all to move to at least 2018 version from the IRC (International Residence Code) and IBC (International Building Code). Doug Eastman reports that the change is not too drastic. Our cmte will put this on the agenda after the change takes place, to review the changes.

Landfill Solar update: Dave Sharples reports a strategic plan to get solid numbers just before the March vote. If the vote goes well, he can execute immediately. Hopefully, town will get more bang for the buck due to 30% IRA incentives, and wells as an apprx \$300K saving due to recalculation on the interconnection fees by Unitil. All numbers are in flux, due to change in interest rates, power rates, panel prices etc. It should be on March ballot.

Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC): Lew reports final drafts of agreements are going to the select board Two meetings 12/19. And then 1/2/2023. If all goes well, they will begin their media blitz to the public after that. Renay thanked Lew, Cliff, Nick and Stephanie of the ECPAC, who have hundreds of hours into the project already. As does Julie Gilman. As an aside, Renay reports that citizens of Kensington and Brentwood have/are forming Town Energy Committees specifically to get Community Power started in their towns. They have reached out with questions, so she hosted a meet & greet coffee at her house to answer their preliminary questions, with Lew.

Town Hall Reincarnation project: Julie would like a rep to a new ad-hoc cmte.

New NH "LSR" help: Julie asked for help from the cmte to browse thru 800 proposed NH State 2023 legislation "LSR" to flag for energy related topics. She will send an email w/ government link: (https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/lsr_search/LSR_Results.aspx) and the cmte will take numbered chunks.

EHS Student Liaison: Students Olivia Shore and Neila O'Brien are interested in getting a couple of EVC at the high school. This after a presentation last week at the Environmental Club on EV/C by Renay and Ryan Jean. Possible return to EHS for another presentation may be possible.

Solar Dashboard at DPW: Amy had the flu and did not attend. Renay will ask Amy later if this is done.

Adjourned 4:35 pm (Next meeting Jan 11th , Wheelwright Room)

(2023 dates: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, --, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13)

ACTION ITEMS:

All – browse LSR to help Julie

Amy- coord recreation of solar dashboard, inquire about Town Hall ad-hoc.

Renay – attend Community Power PR training Zoom via CENH, Liaise to EHS EVC project

Lew & Cliff- present policies to Select board, draft newsletters, get ready to educate on Community Power.