

DRAFT MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Jan 11th , 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

Betsy Stevens, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, Amy Farnham, Olivia Shore, Neila O'Brien, Cliff Sinnott

Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples, Members of the public: Ryan Jean, Zeke Schmois

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Last month's minutes: approved

EHS Student Liaison: Students Olivia Shore and Neila O'Brien spoke of interest in EVC at the high school. It was discussed to have a project near Earth Day.

Solar Dashboard at DPW: Amy reports the ReVision service contract has been sign by Jeff Beck, and the dashboard should be back online soon.

Exeter Community Power Cmte (ECPAC): Lew and Cliff report that the Select Board has approved the packet two days ago. A timeline was distributed: Unitil Info request ready in a few days, CPCNH will procure power/set rate in mid-Feb, mailer goes out to customers in early March, public hearing in late March. Launch in April. A PR timeline is being created for Feb and March (flyers, mailers, info-Zooms, tables, letters to the editor, etc). Our cmte will host two pre-launch info Zooms, (late Feb and late March) via Bob Glowacky. These are to be 30 mins long and point to the new FAQ page. The public will be invited via press releases, and certain active social media users will be personally invited. The entire energy committee will be heavily involved in this PR blitz for the next two months. A blanket email address was created to help with questions from the public: ExeterNhEnergy@gmail.com

Landfill Solar update: Dave Sharples brought two profiles of the project – one from ReVision that is quite rosy, and one from CES (consultants who reviewed the proposal) that is quite dire. Between the two, there are many factors and projections in flux, including high interest rates, the Ukrainian war affecting energy prices, the IRA rebates, and etc. No one in attendance had a crystal ball in which to glean the future. Dang. After much discussion the committee voted to endorse continuation of the project as-is; we feel the reality lies in the middle and the array will still be a boost for the town, even at the lower end figures (ie savings in twin aspects of money and carbon emissions). Several members will attend the next Select Board meeting while Dave presents the findings. The warrant will be finalized on Jan 17th.

Adjourned 4:37 pm (Next meeting Feb 8th , Wheelwright Room)

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

ACTION ITEMS:

All – send email to Renay with names of influencers, possible sources of eBlast lists, in re to Community Power.

Olivia & Neila – ideas for Earth Day EV gig at EHS

Renay – coord dates/times for the two Community Power info-Zooms

Lew & Cliff- coord PR blitz items for Community Power