

## **MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee**

Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

*Betsy Stevens, Amy Farnham, Olivia Shore, Neila O'Brien, Renay Allen, Cliff Sinnott, Julie Gilman*

Staff: Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples

### **3:30 Call to order**

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Minutes approval** - Motion by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betsy to approve Feb Minutes. Motion passes. No March meeting in March/No minutes

#### **Education & Efficiency Projects:**

**Exeter Community Power Committee:** Has launched. Letters went out to all Unitil customers. 30-day window to opt-out. Public hearing was held. Mostly positive comments, except for questions on why solar customers cannot participate. All questions should go to CPCNH.org or 1-866-603-POWR. The ECPAC committee will begin winding down. Thanks to Nick, Lew, Cliff and Stephanie for the past two years' work. Should we keep a rep on Energy cmte? ECPAC will table at the Alewife Festival to answer public questions, etc. Did someone steal the 6-foot banner?

**Landfill Solar Array:** Dave Sharples reports that the contract should be ready to be signed by the Select Board next week. Then can apply (in May) for the July bond. Project will begin right away.

**Building Code Adoption rate:** Amy and Renay attended the SAC meeting to see the presentation by the NEEP rep. Shall we try to keep up with newest code each time (like Durham will automatically adopt 2024), We are always a cycle behind (currently have the 2018 code, soon to move to 2021). Also, we can "stretch" any year's code forward by picking and choosing upgrades to adopt as a town. (ie the "make-ready" regulation we enacted to lay conduit for EVC under new parking lots.) Amy, Renay and Ryan will have a research- Zoom with Durham Energy Cmte.

**EHS Student Liaison:** Olivia reports they are still looking for EVC in the parking lot. They also are looking for help with a project to clear the walking trails around the school. Kristen and Conservation Cmte may be able to help. The EHS Environmental Club was invited to table at the **Alewife Festival at Founders Park on May 13, 10-1pm**

#### **Other Business:**

- Betsy Stevens resignation. She is going on a sabbatical on her boat. Thanks for the Rebates page & more!
- Is PEA, via Warren Biggins, going on Community Power for older campus housing?

**Motion by Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.**

**Next meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> , Wheelwright Room )**

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

#### ***Action Items:***

- Betsy – send in written resignation letter to Renay
- Amy – Coord with Nate Batcheldor re; Durham building code Zoom, table at Alewife Fest w EV
- Cliff & Lew – See if ECPAC will have rep on Energy cmte going forward, table at Alewife Fest May 13, 10-1pm
- Renay – Ask Parks & Rec if they took the 6-ft Community Power banner down, plan for Alewife Fest