

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday May 10th , 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

Amy Farnham, Olivia Shore, Neila O'Brien, Renay Allen, Cliff Sinnott, Lew Hitzrot, Robin Tyner

Staff: Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples. Members of the public: Zeke Schmois, Carl Shutte, Tome Pfau, Katrin Kasper

3:30 Call to order

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Minutes approval - Motion by Amy, 2nd by Cliff to approve April Minutes. Motion passes. (No March meeting in March/No minutes)

Education & Efficiency Projects:

Guest Speaker – Katrin Kasper, Clean Energy NH- Seacoast rep: Members of the Rye, Hampton Falls, and Kensington Energy cmtes were in attendance to meet her. She offered to assist us in any projects – has access to databases, people, and case studies, etc. (She is on the Lee Energy cmte, as well.) CENH mission is to increase energy efficiency and increase clean energy. Distributed a flyer “Electric Police Cars.”

Landfill Solar Array: Dave Sharples reports that the project is underway. Several contracts are signed and checks sent. Next week will get bond. Permit goes to DES by end of month. They have 3-6 months to approve. Project should break ground next spring.

Exeter Community Power Committee: Lew had Exeter data from the first month. Apprx 7300 households are on the default rate. 70+ have opted up to cleaner mixes. 20+ have transferred in from 3rd party. 30 opted out. Still working on the net-metering snag for folks with solar panels. Lew estimates that in the first month, 60K households in NH have signed on and have saved apprx \$360K. ECPAC will work on educating on “opt-up” to try to increase the number of people getting cleaner mixes. They will table at Alewife Fest on Sat, May 13 at Founders Park.

Building Code Adoption rate: Amy, Renay and Ryan are having trouble getting a reply from Durham Energy Cmte to ask how they configure their codes. Katrin said she would help us to contact them.

EHS Student Liaison: Olivia reports they will host a trails clean-up day on June 3 (National Trails Day), Kristen is assisting. Many on the cmte said they would help that day. The EHS Environmental Club will table at the Alewife Festival at Founders Park on May 13, 10-1pm, directly next to Energy table.

Other Business:

- Betsy Stevens resignation letter will be forwarded to select board
- “Exeter Green Minute Video 2023” was superbly done by Bob Glowacky. See on “Exeter TV” Youtube.
- “Green Wave EV” car lot on rte 1 (25 Lafayette Rd, North Hampton) sells many used EV’s in one spot!
- Possible grant application for J40 insulation at mobile homes. Renay & Kristen working on this concept.

Motion by Lew, 2nd by Amy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Next meeting June 14th , Wheelwright Room)
(2023 dates: 6/14, 7/12, --, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13)

Action Items:

- All – Trails Day at EHS Sat, June 3rd, do PR, bring clippers, etc
- Robin, Renay, Amy - bring EV’s to Alewife Fest -
- Cliff & Lew – “opt-up” table at Alewife Fest May 13, 10-1pm
- Renay & Kristen – work on J40 insulation grant viability w/ NHSaves Ben Stephenson & RBG Dana Nute