

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday July 12th , 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

Amy Farnham, Renay Allen, Cliff Sinnott, Staff: Kristen Murphy.

Members of the public: Stephanie Marshall (ECPAC), Carol Schutte (Hampton Falls EC)

3:30 Call to order

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Minutes approval - Motion by Amy, 2nd by Cliff to approve June Minutes. Motion passes.

Education & Efficiency Projects:

Building Codes Discussion: Was decided by all attendees to move forward with a middle-ground “stretch” options. Will form a sub-cmte in Sept to work on this. (No meeting in August.)

Block Grant Application: Concept paper was “encouraged.” for a Justice 40/ Efficiency grant from SCEP, of the DOE. The idea is matching grant monies to the NHSaves Button Up program for Exeter’s 5 mobile home parks. Also on this team were Ben Stephenson of Unitil, Dana Nute of Resilient Buildings, and Jeannie Oliver of ROC-NH/ NH Community Loan Fund. Special thanks to Carol Shutte of Hampton Falls Energy cmte who has offered to assist. Renay and Kristen will work on the full application. Due now on Aug 21.

Exeter Community Power Committee: Cliff and Stephanie will be working on an Opt-Up campaign this fall. The new rates are set. Granite Basic moved from 15.8 cents /KwH to 10.9 cents KwH. Suggested to write a letter to the editor for opt-up. Renay will talk with Sustainably Officer at PEA re faculty housing.

Other Business:

- 6th annual Exeter EV Day is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 1. Perhaps partner w Tom Palma/Unitil?
- Parks & Rec (Qessential bldg.) energy audit results.
- Betsy successfully crossed Atlantic and made it to Azores!

Motion by Cliff, 2nd by Amy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Next meeting Sept 13 , Wheelwright Room)

(2023 dates: no mtg in Aug, --, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13)

Action Items:

- Renay call Warren at PEA, Tom at Unitil
- Cliff & Lew – Opt Up campaign
- Renay & Kristen –SCEP grant from DOE full application, Select Board approval on July 24
- Amy – Check w Greg re Parks & Rec new offices energy audit