

MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Sept 13th , 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

Robin Tyner, Renay Allen, Cliff Sinnott, Neila O'Brien, Olivia Shore Staff: Kristen Murphy, Dave Sharples

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

3:30 Call to order

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Minutes approval - Motion by Lew, 2nd by Cliff to approve July Minutes. Motion passes.

Education & Efficiency Projects:

6th Annual EV Day: In partnership with Unitil at their campus. Sept 23, 10-2pm. Renay, Robin & Cliff will table. NDEW has netted 8 showcasers, Unitil has invited dealerships. This may be our final year. Tipping point reached? Cliff suggested to turn our focus to charging infrastructure. Dave suggested tie-in to new Parking Study.

Exeter Community Power Committee: Working on an Opt-Up campaign with limited success, 97 have opted up. CPCNH now has 75K customers in NH. Has saved nearly 10 million, much of that is in a reserve fund. Carol from Hampton Falls announced that today the selectboard voted to form a town aggregation cmte. Congratulations! Renay & Lew presented at Kensington EC to selectman Gustavson in support of Community Power this week.

LES Conference (by CENH) is Nov 2: Where our cmte gets all its big ideas & networks with the pros. Six will attend.

High School Liaisons: Are seniors this year, will recruit from EHS Environmental club for self-replacements 2024. Are working on birdhouses & beach clean ups.

Block Grant Application: Final application was submitted by Kristen, who worked tirelessly. Waiting to hear if accepted. If not, will still go forward with project anyway, on a lesser level, at mobile home parks.

Building Codes Discussion: Will move forward with middle-ground "stretch" options with Doug Eastman.

Solar Array: Dave reports permit has been signed and forwarded to Revision, who will forward soon. Unitil says there is a backlog to order the equipment of 12 months. Still hoping to have this project completed in 2024.

Other Business:

- Personnel: Renay gave notice that she will leave the cmte on Dec 31. She has been chair (or pre-chair) for nearly 7 years. Time for fresh blood. Lew will leave also, as the ECPAC will be timed out in the same month.

Motion by Renay, 2nd by Cliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Next meeting Oct 11 , Wheelwright Room)

(2023 dates: 11/8, 12/13)

Action Items:

- Looking for folks from Hampton Falls to be on new Aggregation Cmte. Know anyone to call?
- Cliff & Lew & Stephanie – Opt Up campaign table at Farmers Market. Bring EC & SAC recruitment poster!