

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

Wednesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:30 pm. Wheelwright Room

*Lew Hitzrot, Robin Tyner, Renay Allen, Stephanie Marshall, Amy Farnham, Cliff Sinnott, Neila O'Brien, Olivia Shore*  
Staff: Kristen Murphy, Doug Eastman, Julie Gilman Members of the public: Carol Schutte (Hampton Falls Energy cmte)

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

**Minutes approval** - Motion by Lew, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> approve Oct Minutes. Motion passes.

Abenaki Tribal Land Acknowledgement read and distributed

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

**"Window Dressers.org" program:** Stephanie went to Conway and took a video. Discussion of logistics. We may start with 100 units. Measuring would happen in summer, build in fall. Will invite manager for a Zoom before we decide. Could partner w/ SST?

**Block Grant Application:** Awarded!! Only 12 in the USA! Senator Jeanne Shaheen came to Exeter on 10/29 to congratulate and host an energy round-table. Select Board officially accepted grant on 11/6. Next steps: 1. 60-90 day of "negotiations" with DOE. 2. Host public info-sessions in Jan. 3. First 25 applicants each from 4 Resident-Owned parks will be accepted into the NH Saves program pathway, via this new J-40 "Jack Frost" program. Total is 100 projects. Savings will be tracked and reported for pilot program. An "energy-steward" trained in each park.

**LES Conference (by CENH), Nov 2:** Amazing, as usual. Great ideas and networking. Agreed to have Unutil host spring EV Day, and we will host Fall EV Day. Champlain Energy Systems for possible battery EVC? Spring Zoom? Brought home NH Energy Grid poster for EHS liaisons.

**High School Liaisons:** Nov 4 clean up was well attended and went well. They will be making bird houses, Kristen suggested bat houses, too.

**Community Power** Carol Schutte of HF Energy cmte announced that the selectboard signed a Joint Powers Agreement, and an Aggregation cmte has been formed. Congratulations! They could go online in 2025. Our ECPAC is due to sunset on Dec 31. We thank them (Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Stephanie Marshall, Nick Devonshire) for the past two years of hard work to get the town on Community Power. The average Exeter household is now saving \$30 on their monthly electricity bill.

**NH Legislature bills:** Julie reports there are 800 bills, listed only by title so far. NH Science & Technology cmte rep Michael Vose attended the LES sessions.

### **Other Business:**

- **Energy/Sustainability Cmte merge?:** discussed pros and cons.
- **SolSmart:** Lew suggested we take a look at this organization
- State Climate Action Plan via DES

**Motion by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.**

**Next meeting Dec 13, Wheelwright Room)**

*(2024 dates: 11/8,*

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

**Look at WindowDressers.org website, invite for a Zoom**