

DRAFT MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee

Wednesday Dec 13th, 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, Julie Gilman Members of the public: None

3:30 Call to order

ONGOING BUSINESS:

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

Education & Efficiency Projects:

High School Liaisons: The EHS Environmental Club will host a speaker from the Union of Concerned Scientists. Amy suggested they look into "No Idling" signs.

Community Power. Our ECPAC will sunset on Dec 31. At their final meeting, they (Lew Hitzrot, Cliff Sinnott, Stephanie Marshall, Nick Devonshire) created 4 ongoing steps: 1. *Need a Rep and Alternate to CPCNH.* 2. *Create pathways to administer reserve funds when time comes.* 3. *Assign someone to manage the webpage w/ rate updates, Opt-Up programs, etc.* 4. *Continue Opt-Up PR at every tabling event, or make a film.* Also, discussion that the potential first project from this new reserve fund could be the long-awaited Lagoon Solar project at DPW.

"Window Dressers.org" program: Stephanie will invite a rep to Zoom in to our Jan meeting. She will send a video for all to review before the Zoom. We may start with 100 units. Measuring would happen in summer, build in fall.

Block Grant Application: Kristen reports that she and Renay and the 3 partners Zoomed with DOE last week. Some small fine-tuning details of the grant are now needed. Finance Dir, Corey Stevens, was on the Zoom as well. Details have been sent. Info on how to jazz up the intake program and make it fun were discussed (pizza?). Now need to wait 30-45 days for final approval of these details by DOE. Program should commence in late Jan/early Feb.

Personnel: Renay leaves the chair position. Vote taken on new slate: *Chair/ Cliff Sinnott, Vice-Chair/ Amy Farnham, Admin/Secretary – Stephanie Marshall.* Unanimously passed! Renay gave these three a memo she had written: "How to Run the Energy Cmte." Amy gave a speech on our history these past six years, while we all wore Clean Energy Headpieces and enjoyed carrot cake and sparkling cider. Cheers!!

Other Business:

- **Energy/Sustainability Cmte merge?:** May happen later, it may not. Up to Select Board.
- **SolSmart:** Kristen wants to get this done soon. It is like LEED certification for solar process.
- **NH Legislature bills:** Julie reports the energy bills are online now.
- **RPC Energy info-forum:** Cliff & Julie will attend on Jan 10 at Rockingham Planning.
- **RBG Lunch & Learn Dec 19th:** Kristen hosting, has 20 people signed up.

Motion by Amy 2nd by Stephanie to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next meeting Jan 10, Wheelwright Room

(2024 dates: 1/10, no Feb, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, No Aug, Sept. 11, Oct 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11)

Action Items:

- Stephanie – invite Steve McFarland of Window Dressers for a Zoom, send pre-Zoom video to cmte
- Renay – Ask Henry about CPCNH rep/alt terms
- Amy – Find out why some people got net-metering on CPCNH billing.