

Town of Exeter Energy Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

March 13th, 2024; 3:30 PM, Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

1. Called to order at 3:35 Attendees: Cliff Sinnott (Chair), Amy Farnham (Vice-Chair), Renay Allen, Mark Lemos; Student representatives: Olivia Shore and Neila O'Brien; Staff: Kristen Murphy; Guests: Lily Hamilton, Danica Caron, Abigail (Abby) Manning
2. EHS update - Olivia and Neila introduced future student representatives Lily Hamilton, Danica Caron, Abigail (Abby) Manning. Proposing 3 students as 2 will often have a sport schedule conflict. The EC discussed topics for presentation in Mr. Brough's class. Topics include: Solar (Amy), Window Dressers (Mark and Cliff?)
3. Minutes of Feb 14 - Motion by Amy, second by Mark to approve 2/14 minutes. Unanimous consent.
Minutes of Feb 21 – Motion by Amy, second by Mark to approve the 2/21 minutes. Unanimous consent.
4. Cliff provided an overview of the outcome of the joint Meeting of Energy Committee (EC) and Sustainability Committees. Kristen shared the SB discussed their proposal to remain separate committees but to conduct joint meetings 2x or 4x per year, and was supportive of the committee's recommendation.
5. Window Dressers: Committee expressed concerns about timing of a January build because it is outside the "giving season" and much of the cold weather season will have passed. Decision on timing will occur at April meeting. With this in mind, the EC decided to go forward with the program. Organizer training is 3/14 10a-12. Mark will attend. During the election tabling they received a list of people interested in the program. Initial project leaders will be Stephanie/Amy program co-coordinators and Mark will be measuring coordinator. Once timing is better understood EC will create a call for volunteers and applicants via bi-weekly report and other outlets, and will plan to host a volunteer orientation event.
6. Cliff and Amy summarized the response to the EC table at Town Meeting Summary. Overall it was a great way to connect with residents with lots of interest in EC efforts. They realized though many people have heard of Community Power, the EC needs to do more to expand understanding enough to promote the Opt Up Campaign. Cliff will prepare write up for the Exeter Newsletter and EXTV.
7. Community Power Update: Committee reviewed PEA student-prepared materials. Cliff suggested adding a graph summarizing CP pricing over time on back panel so people get a sense of the cost savings. Kristen said one challenge with the materials is the student created them in canva and cannot share the project with entities outside of the Academy so editing is a challenge. The student did provide a template brochure that allows us to drop in the rate tables. Mark mentioned he may be able to edit if the student shares through his PEA account. Kristen will connect the student and Mark.
8. Unitil EV day – EC overall wants to keep their EV day as a separate initiative. Unitil's event may be a good opportunity to share EC topics. Cliff is considering an opt up initiative there and will reply to Unitil.
9. Alewife Festival – Event is 5/11 from 10-1. There will not be a schedule of events, just tabling. Event is being expanded to include vendors, environmental organizations like PREP and TNC. EC has 3 spots reserved for EVs. Renay will work with Kristen to determine how to continue the acknowledgement of indigenous history at the event.
10. Other Business: Renay asked for a status on the Jack Frost (EECBG) project. Kristen responded to a DOE request for additional information regarding Cultural Resources consultation. Renay reported she reached connected with Jeannie Oliver (ROC-NH) and Dana Nute (RBG) to apologize for the delay and confirmed they were still interested/engaged. Amy expressed interest in creating a solar 101 video. She would like to do it in partnership with other members. EC was supportive and suggested EXTV for the recording.
11. Adjourn- Renay moved, second by Amy to adjourn. Unanimous agreement.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Kristen Murphy