

Town of Exeter Energy Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

April 10, 2024, 3:30 PM, Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

1. **Called to order** at 3:35. Attendees: Amy Farnham (Vice Chair), Renay Allen, Mark Lemos, Stephanie Marshall, Student representatives: Olivia Shore and Neila O'Brien. Staff: Kristen Murphy
2. **Minutes of March 13** meeting approved unanimously after motion by Mark, second by Renay
3. **Window Dresser Follow up:** Would like to form an ad hoc committee of the Energy Committee, with major decisions brought back to the Energy Committee, to allow for other citizen participation on the Window Dresser leadership team. Kristen noted that we can no more than 3 members of the Energy Committee on ad hoc committee to avoid a quorum of Energy Committee members. Energy Committee members would include Stephanie, Amy, and Mark. Agreed that we would schedule the Community Build in January 2025. We would like to know the date from WindowDressers by June to reserve the Town Hall. Grassroots Grant application was submitted with decision to be made in late June. If not awarded, would need to do some fundraising ourselves. Mark attended training on how to get people on Leadership Team. Stephanie will forward invitations to the WindowDressers recorded trainings to Amy for her to review. Stephanie will request that Kristen, Cliff, Amy, and Mark be added to WindowDressers email list to assure communication. Next training is April 25, 10:00-noon for Local Coordinators and Measuring Coordinators. Stephanie and Mark plan to attend.
4. **EHS Update-** This is Olivia and Neila's last meeting as they are graduating in June. They were thanked for their good work as liaisons from the high school, and sent with best wishes for success at UNH. Danica (Dani) Caron and Abigail (Abby) Manning will be liaisons next year.
5. **Community Power update:** Cliff not in attendance so not able to report on his work. The brochure that was prepared by PEA students is still in process pending some software access issues. Kristen or Mark, in coordination with Cliff will attempt to find a work-around to make the edits. Amy is going to send Mark a step-by-step process for opting up for inclusion in the brochure via a QR code and other written materials. Will need for upcoming events like Alewife and Unutil EV event. Cliff has received email from Rye about joining a multi town competition for opt-up increases for the next year. Need more information Also discussed asking CPCNH to provide most assistance in terms of periodic mailings etc. Kristen will ask Julie to ask CPCNH for that help. Olivia and Neila suggested making a video tutorial on how to opt-up and suggested that we could use Wisteria which is free. Amy will do practice at home and send to committee. She will also ask Bob to put in video Bi-Weekly report.

6. **Unitil June 8 EV Event** – We can do Tabling re. Opt-up Campaign and WindowDressers
7. **Alewife Festival May 11** – There will be 22 tables. Time is 10:00-1:00. Energy Committee has one table and 3 spots for EV cars- Renay's, Revision's, and Amy will solicit another one. Renay has 6' banners with logo to put around the bandstand to advertise the festival. Materials- EV, Opt-Up, and WindowDressers.
8. **NH Energy Week** – May 6-10. Kristen provided information on events.
9. **NH Saves Button Up Workshop** – We want to do a workshop in the fall. Amy can do a Solar 101 workshop and will reach out to Bob Glowacki to record the event and feature in bi-weekly Minutes. Need to book a room in the library very early so will decide on a date at next meeting.
10. **Other business:** Question asked about EV spots around town availability as part of new parking plan. Dave Sharples dropped in to meeting to suggest that we do a proposal with sites and budget for next year.
11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Stephanie Marshall