

**Town of Exeter Joint Meeting of the  
Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committees**

**MINUTES**

May 15<sup>th</sup>; 3:30 PM

Nowak Room, Town Offices

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1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order 3:34 PM

Energy Cmmte Attendees: Cliff Sinnott (v. Chair), Michael Drunsic, Stephanie Marshall, Mark Lemos

SAC Attendees: Denise Short (chair), Chetana Parmar (v. Chair), Julie Gaunt, Jim Breeling

2. Public Comment; Introduction of Members from both boards – No guests attending

3. Approval of Minutes

Energy: Minutes of April 9, 2025 – Recommended edit to change the title from Agenda to Minutes.

MOTION to approve as amended by Cliff, Seconded by Mike, motion passed 3-1-0 with Mark abstaining.

SAC: Minutes of April 2, 2025 – Motion by Jim, seconded by Denise to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Annual Work Plan Collaboration: Amy and Denise met to discuss areas of overlap and each item was discussed:

- Energy/SAC Sustainability Fair: Full discussion of options ranging from expanding Alewife Festival to a film festival and more. Decided to inquire with TEAM for their Fall Equinox Festival for the committees to table at the event. The focus would be Styrofoam Collection and Window Dressers.
- Legislative and Local Political Action: EC receives legislative updates from CPCNH and Clean Energy NH, SAC receives updates from the NH Network for Energy, Climate and the Environment. The challenge is action for/against bills is more effective if the Town takes a position but that requires the committee meet to vote and authorize a representative to present to the Select Board to seek their support. Action for/against bills as a committee requires a vote of the committee. Both of these take time and many legislative actions require quick turn around. Discussed the potential of identifying key topics areas for each committee and a member from each track and share any items that apply to either committee. SAC: solid waste, recycling EC: Community Power, net metering and PUC related topics
- Committee Minute – Committees plan to work with Bob Glowacky to have a monthly standing spot in the biweekly/e-newsletter and they trade off each month developing a topic to highlight.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence – Discussed developing content that highlights where we were (environmentally) 250 years ago, where we are today, and encourage the public to envision where we will be in the future.
- New Resident Welcome Letter – Unsure who produced these in the past. Consider looking into bringing this back. It would be good to highlight volunteer opportunities, waste diversion (helpsy, composting, recycling), and more.
- SAC will work with EC to help with Window Dressers outreach and promotion

5. Motion to adjourn at 4:37 pm by Jim, seconded by Denise. Unanimously passed.

*----Respectfully Submitted by Kristen Murphy*