

SAC Meeting Sept 1,2020

Chetana Parmar - Niko Papakonstantis - Dave Sharples - Jackie Ojala - Nina Braun - Beverly Tappan - Kristen Osterwood -

Read Covid statement RSA 91a2-3b

Role Call

Welcome Jackie to the Committee - Jackie Ojala appointed as a new member to the committee

Mentioned no Meeting last Month due to lack of quorum

1 Call to order

2 Public comments

3. Approval of minutes from July - Minutes approved

4. Action items

5Sustainability Updates - UNH Fellow presentation - Dave will update on data collected “ was scheduled as a panelist, but the meeting didn’t happen. Rachael did present to the select board Did GHG inventory. And presented it. We are i “In the mix” among other community

Came up with a # of what we create just as with Municipal ops

Reduce by 30% target by 2030, Net zero by 2050 - - two majors efforts for 22% - hybrid vehicles - some all electric vehicles, put solar panels on the landfill. Net step would be to get the final report and recommendations to the select board after passing through the SAC - Bev asks “during the last year that scientists are more alarmed than ever. Heating up faster. Target window has shortened. Is 2050 too late” CP “ I agree with that, the numbers need to be more radical.” We should come up with

DS - Said getting to Net zero sooner would be pretty easy, but it's the bigger picture that needs to also be addressed. CP_ also what we can be recommending for Exeter Residents - numbers to be collected in a community wide analysis. We would need to get that study done.

DS - UNH fellow could do a community wide assessment, we should start now as budget season is upon us.

BT - suggested town incentives for tax, or permitting, stipulating solar or geo-thermal for new development -

CP - would like to see more incentives from the town to drive solar or geothermal - or other renewables -

DS - Encourages everyone read the UNH report - and endorse targets and ask the select board

CP- Iso annual stepping stones to get there, and any improvements along the way. Everyone read and reply to Chetena with feedback in advance. Thanked Rachael for her time and work.

DS - Will see if Rachael can attend next meeting - so we can chat with her and ask questions October 6

6 Comms CP - raised issue with the mishandling of a letter written to the committee and no communication flow with info getting to committee. Letter received in June, meeting in July. never saw it. DPW replied and copied CP - and that was her first awareness. Not acceptable doesn't look good for any part of the town operation. NB _ Would like to see the committees work with the comms committee and develop a plan. Other committees suffer similarly.

CP - would like to understand what the policy would be able to address this. NB - Comms committee is working on a formal communication plan and a survey for residents about comms. Comms Committee will be speaking with all committees and departments for feedback, the understanding is that.

CP - for the record, any resident that writes the committee, can they please be brought and shared with the committee to address

7 Communications/ Social Media plan updates - NB We need to create the one page plan for Comm flow. Right now stories go to Dave to share with the team and FB. NB told us about the town app on FB. MyExeterNH App discussed

8 Coastal resilience update - Julie?? Are you there? - Dave will reach out to Julie LaBranche to see if there is any update and will report back before the next meeting and report back before the next meeting.

9 Any other biz -

Landfill solar project - DS - one of the things I have been working on since I got here, had a few meetings, saw an opportunity in the GHG study to examine if it would be possible. Spoke to the town manager (supports) and DPW valid issues and concerns, energy committee supports, asking for SAC committee support, to move forward with RFP to the benefit of the town, get responses and and get a panel to review to see if its possible. Towns have had success, so I'd like to get to the RFP. Size? About 8 acres of usable land, 1.75 Mw, would reduce Town electricity use by 92%. Would like our endorsement and go to the select board next opportunity to pursue an RFP.

Unanimous support from the SAC for the project.

Any other biz?

DS - Twn manager budget projects, "no new hires" without external funding. CP- as this regards the coordinator positions, the JD is there, so it's really where we go in front of the BRC for next year. If there is no budget, and no other ways to fund, little we can do. We are moving forward more than we would otherwise thanks to Dave's role and effort.

10 Move to adjourn @ 7:58p. Next meeting October 6, @7p.