TOWN OF EXETER SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chetana Parmar.

Chetana Parmar read emergency order

Members Present: Christopher Zigmont, Chetana Parmar, Kristen Osterwood, Beverly Tappan, Jackie Ojala, Nina Brauna, and Niko Papakonstantis (Select Board Representative) and Dave Sharples (Town Representative). Also present: Julie LeBranch.

All board members introduced themselves

Approval of meeting minutes from December 1, 2020: Motion to approve by Chris, 2nd by Jackie

Update on Battery Recycling: Received quote for battery recycling contractor to share with Dave. Julie suggested reaching out to the Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission who organizes the annual household disposal of hazardous waste event. Goal is to make battery recycling more visible and accessible. <u>Dave and Kristen will work together on getting together information about currently available places to recycle batteries and reaching out to Rockingham Planning Commission</u>.

Dave update:

- GHG emissions resolution read draft approved by Energy Committee. Bev motion to move forward to Select Board, unanimous approval.
- Solar array: presented to Select Board last night. Firms have been interviewed selected ReVision Energy to move forward. Dave is developing a one-page summary of the solar options. This one page will be used for a press release and to share on social media and in news to gather as much resident input as possible from next Monday's Select Board meeting. Chetana will gather response from members to share with Select Board on Monday.

Julia update:

- Sustainable Exeter branding - next step is to move forward with communications. SAC members email ideas for events to support sustainability to Chetana.

Bev laundry soap paper:

- Effort to reduce plastic using laundry soap paper from Canada, company called TruEarth. Julia also recommended Clean People.

Chetana:

- Blue bags for waste discussion on social media. <u>Niko suggested Chetana to invite</u> <u>DPW presentation on recycling</u>. Would like to work with DPW on distilling this information down and making it available on Sustainable Exeter website

8:48 meeting adjourned, motion by Chetana.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood