

Committee Members:

Peter Nelson

Toni Weinstein (Town Council Rep)

Public:

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

July 7, 2020

(ZOOM) Meeting

Minutes

Approved October 6, 2020

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Attendees

Public Comment

No members of the public were present for public comment.

Approval of minutes

Minutes for June 2, 2020 were accepted and approved.

Reports

Toni:

Next meeting can optionally be scheduled as an in-person meeting held in the basement of the Town Hall, with members appropriately distanced from each other and wearing protective face masks. Zoom conferencing is still also an option.

Unfinished Business

Peter & Toni discussed Newmarket application to join Clean Energy NH as a municipal member. This has been brought to the attention of Steve Fournier who seems to think this can/will move forward.

New Business

1. Board Organization:

- a. A new member, Ellen Read submitted an application to join the E&E committee and will be voted on at Town Council meeting.

- b. Peter & Toni discussed the need to elect additional positions.
2. Weed Control: Peter has requested an updated street map of sidewalk/curb areas being sprayed for weed control from Rick Malasky at DPW along with the current weed control contract. Committee members should wrap up this project with a final report to Town Council once map has been reviewed. Recommendations to include:
- a. Have Annual contract with Swamp, Inc. to do weed maintenance (with or without [Roundup](#)), come before the E&E committee for review before contract is renewed/finalized each year.
 - b. Swamp, Inc. should provide a treatment schedule to E&E Committee and other town officials prior to any on-site work so that notice can be posted accordingly in a timely fashion.
 - c. Swamp, Inc. should provide an updated map of proposed weed treatment surfaces annually.
 - d. E&E Committee may elect to organize an opt-out option for property owners of parcels within the disclosed weed control map area if feasible.
 - e. E&E to develop and distribute an education campaign regarding using Roundup and other chemicals in town.
 - 1. Effort should include an education flyer on how to dispose of chemical waste at Hazardous Waste Disposal recycling days
 - 2. Plan a marketing campaign (i.e. tentatively called, *Round Up Your Round Up*) to dovetail with any Hazardous Waste Disposal days.
3. CENH & Community Choice Power:
- a. Peter noted that he has communicated with members of the Rye and Exeter Energy Committees about collaborating on Community Power initiatives and will keep committee apprised of future discussions, meetings and agendas
 - b. Peter and Toni thought it would make sense to draft a letter to Town Council recommending that the Energy & Environment Committee form an Electric Aggregation Committee (EAC) composed, for now, of existing E&E Committee members. That would be Step 1 assuming all committee members approve of this at next meeting.
 - c. Peter indicated Step 2 would be to draft a letter to Eversource to request aggregate/community-wide data from the utility. Said data will be used as a starting point for Newmarket Energy Audit baseline once EAC has been established.
 - d. Peter has started creating a list of existing solar PV projects in Newmarket using Assessor provided data. This database can also serve as a baseline inventory of solar generating capacity within Newmarket and can be refined and shared to improve solar PV permitting and asset tracking for the Assessor and Building Inspector. To be discussed how E&E committee members can participate in this data collection/presentation effort.
 - e. Once an EAC is established, they would begin work on formulating a draft Electric Aggregation Plan with guidance from CENH and by coordinating additional public meetings to garner input on that.

4. Solarize Newmarket RFP:
 - a. Toni to draft an initial RFP for Solarize Newmarket campaign and committee to select vendors to solicit responses from.
5. EV Charging:
 - a. Peter recommended the following committee followup for 2020:
 - i. Create and share a town-wide survey to identify “top 10” locations preferred by residents & businesses for new EV Chargers to be installed.
 - ii. Develop a simple framework for local business owner educating them on going about selecting/installing an EV charging option and how they will be promoted under a “Recharge in Newmarket” campaign.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at 8:00pm