

# Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

October 6, 2020 [ZOOM]

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

## Attendees

Committee members present:

Peter Nelson, chair; Toni Weinstein, town council representative; Ellen Read, member; Roberta Branca, member

Committee members absent: Chris Blackstone, member

## Public:

There were no members of the public present.

## Approval of minutes

The board approved the minutes for the meetings of: July 11, 2020 and August 11, 2020. There were no minutes for September because there was no quorum present. Toni explained that the July meeting had a quorum of two, because the board only had three official members at the time. In September there were five members, and so a quorum would be defined as three people.

## Public Comment

1. There were no public comments.

## Action Items

1. Report from Town Council meetings (Toni)
  - a. Electric Aggregation Committee formation - The Town Council approved appointment of our committee as the de facto Energy Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC will make recommendations to the town regarding joining a Community Power Aggregation. The action follows a presentation heard by the EE Committee in August by Clean Energy New Hampshire.
  - b. Solarize Newmarket RFP solicitation – Toni will be following up with the town on putting together an RFP, which will be based on a template of a letter used by the town of Canterbury. Peter will generate a list of potential vendors. It was noted that there is just one year left on the tax incentive.
2. Committee Assignments
  - a.    The chair noted that we have a new member, Chris Blackstone.
  - b.        A potential new member application has been submitted for approval by the town council.
  - Possible new committee member application submitted.
  - c. Roberta volunteered, and was nominated and approved, to be the board secretary
4. Step 3 towards implementing Community Power Plan – It will be up to us as the EAC to develop goals and objectives, toward drafting an Energy Aggregation Plan.

- a. Peter will coordinate with Henry Herndon will to work on next level data request to try to get Eversource to include meters more detailed meter-level usage in data. Expectation is that this will be anonymized at the data provided by Eversource meter level but will include more information needed to better understand base consumption statistics across rate classes.
- b. The board reviewed an Airtable database Peter built is working on using the data provided so far by Eversource, which he supplemented with public records regarding individual use of solar panels. There was some discussion about the uses for this level of data, and how specific the data needs to be. The data could help up understands us understand the costs of joining CENH/CPNH before making recommendations to the town.

5. Local Energy Solutions Conference is coming up Thursday October 29 - Friday, October 30. CENH provided us with two free seats. Peter signed up for one, and offered to send around an agenda so that we could each mark which sessions we'd like to go to and have availability for. Committee members will send ideas for the Newmarket Energy Plan.

6. Follow up on items that were rushed at close of prior to last meeting:

- a. Committee presence on town website – The committee discussed making the following documents available on the website and making sure they are updated: the 1) a link to the committee member application form; 2) a list of current members and their terms.
- b. EE presence on Facebook page – members should post weekly. The 7<sup>th</sup> open position on the committee should be posted.
- c. Weed control – Peter said that we have not received house-by-house data regarding weed control program, and the final report may be written without it.

## **New Business**

There was no new business.

## **Other Business and/or Announcements**

1. Peter asked members to think about items that should come before the committee on an ongoing basis, and to bring the list to the next meeting.

## **Meeting Close**

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Branca

Secretary

Edits & updates by Peter Nelson 11/09/2020