

# **Energy and Environment Advisory Committee**

January 05, 2021 [ZOOM]

Approved February 16, 2021

## **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

## **Attendees**

Committee members present:

Peter, Toni, Chris, Ellen, Roberta

Committee members absent:

## **Public:**

There were no members of the public present.

## **Approval of minutes**

The December 2020 minutes were approved with amendments. There was some concern about abbreviated portions that Roberta said she will look at.

### **1. Report from Town Council meetings (Toni)**

- a. The Town Council met on December 16th. There was nothing pertaining to our committee.
- b. Toni reached out to Rick Malasky regarding composting being diverted from waste stream. Peter noted the data was posted on Facebook and looks good.

### **2. Solarize Newmarket Campaign**

- a. The RFP is prepared but not sent. Checking to see if this should go out via official Town channel/stationary. Peter said that it is all ready to go, but wants to confirm whether it should go through Town Manager's office. Will let us know when it goes in the mail. We should continue to think about how to evaluate responses. Peter will come up with a scoring system.

### **3. Community Power NH update and action items**

- a. No updates at this time. Waiting to hear back from CENH/CPNH about status of their legal formation. Henry Herndon transitioned from former position to a new position in the new legal authority CPNH is forming into. Peter said he hopes this gives us more time to draft and comment on EAP. Peter asked Ellen to research whether there's any legislation in the works. Ellen said she think bills are being introduced tomorrow.

### **4. Electric Aggregation Committee Plan Formation**

- a. Continued Discussion of plan formulation – Should continue researching what other towns have done and post on Google Docs or send link to the document website. Roberta offered to send out the link to the draft we need to mark up from google docs. Peter said we don't need to be locked into any one structure.

## **5. Approval of “Ready for 100” Town of Newmarket Statement**

- a. See attached draft language for Newmarket policy statement on committing to transition to 100% renewable energy sources. Peter added language re: *diversity* as proposed by Chris Blackstone. Peter went back to climate change as proposed by Chris Blackstone. Discussion about bolder vs. softer language, and whether submitting strong language now makes sense or softening it to “win hearts” would be better. Peter proposed changing “residences” to “residential dwellings.” Chris thought the resolution should reflect our charter, which doesn’t mention residences. Roberta pointed out that we already undertake advisory positions that impact residential dwellings.

Chris Blackstone said gaining a “groundswell of support” for a resolution can gain more traction from public input.

Ellen responded that the resolution is designed to garner that support.

Chris said property owners may not like residences included, and that it could “take on a life of its own”.

Ellen asked to table the vote to give us more time to comment on draft. Peter entertained the motion, and asked if we could back up resolution with numbers re: how much could be saved.

Ellen moved to table the resolution, and Roberta seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

## **6. Recharge in Newmarket Campaign**

- a. Peter asked Toni if Steve F. could give an update about putting in donated stations. Discussion about whether savings to users could be a selling point to the public.

## **Meeting Close**

The meeting was closed at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Branca

Secretary