



Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 7pm

Town Hall, Council Chamber

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Raley, Ellen Read, Joe Lamattina, Roberta Branca, Alex Rentumis,

Excused: Julianna Tyson, Patrick Reynolds

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

Roll call taken.

Ellen announced Sean Moran has resigned, moved out of Newmarket. There are now two open positions on the committee.

New members of the committee introduced themselves Alex Rentumis, Roberta Branca.

Other members introduced themselves.

Vote for Chair, Ellen Read nominated, Motion Joe Lamattina, Second Bill Raley, all voted in favor.

Vote for Vice Chair, Roberta Branca nominated, Motion Joe Lamattina, Second Bill Raley, all voted

Vote for Secretary, Joe Lamattina nominated, Motion Ellen Read, Second Roberta Branca, all voted in favor.

The committee voted to move future meetings to the last Wednesday of the month. Since the committee is composed of 9 people the Council Chamber is crowded, meetings will be held in the auditorium.

Acceptance of Minutes from March 22, 2023 and two public hearings for the Newmarket Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan March 29 and April 12, 2023. Motion to approve all three, Bill Raley, Second Joe Lamattina, all voted in favor.

Public Forum Opened at 7:32 PM

No members of the public present.

Public Forum closed at 7:32 PM.

Joe gave an update on the current status of the Newmarket Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP). The resolution for the Town Council to approve The Electric Aggregation Plan has been submitted to the Town Council. The first reading will be held on May 3rd, the second reading and approval, if the council does approve it, will be held on May 17th. If approved the next steps will be to submit the approved EAP to the Public Utilities Commission and Community Power Coalition of NH. Once they approve the Newmarket EAP, formal contracts will be submitted to the Town Manager. Expectations are contracts will go to the Town Manager in the fall of 2023. Town Manager and Lawyers will review the contracts. Town Council will formally vote to launch Newmarket Community Power in the February/March 2024 timeframe, Newmarket Community Power will go live in April 2024 timeframe.

Ellen explained the group has two objectives to work on. 1.) Updates to the Energy Chapter of the Newmarket Master Plan and 2.) Start work on the detailed plan to get us to Sustainable Energy by 2030.

There was discussion on how to include Public Transportation in the documents we are working on. Ellen stated she had previously worked in the Public Transportation and may have some resources we could talk to.

The group agreed for the next session people should review the Energy Chapter document and make changes. Sections 1 thru 3 have already been approved.

Ellen suggested and the group discussed broad categories to consider:

- 1.) Energy Procurement
- 2.) Efficiency Measures
- 3.) Transportation
- 4.) Zoning Changes / Zoning Density
- 5.) Energy sources that are environmentally friendly and sustainable (should this be a subset of Energy Procurement?)

The document to be edited can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VJ29jlHJexL0DxfzuHMvJ6uFPJ9t92Y0/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106862949136239997487&rtpof=true&sd=true>

There was discussion about recycling and what we might do next Earth Day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 31, 2023 – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM