



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, November 18, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Members present (physically): Bill Baber (Chair), Otis Perry (Vice Chair), Mike Behrmann, Vincent Lyon, Susan Smith, Becky Ohler (Alternate)

Members present (remotely): Walter King, Barrett Miles (Alternate), Zak Koehler (joined 6:21 pm)

Members absent: Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut (Staff Support), Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison, left 5:49 pm)

Others present: None

Chair Bill Baber asked all participants to note where they are located and whether there is anyone in the room with them. Walter King is out of town in Rockport, Massachusetts. Barrett Miles is at home in Dover, alone. Zak Koehler, upon joining, said he is at home in Dover, alone.

2. Citizen's Forum None.

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2020

Otis Perry moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2020 as written. Mike Behrmann seconded. Bill Baber asked for a roll call vote: Susan Smith – yes, Mike Behrmann – yes, Otis Perry – yes, Vincent Lyon – abstain, Barrett Miles – yes, Walter King – yes, Becky Ohler – abstain. Vote: U/A with two abstentions.

4. Staff Updates

A. City Facilities' Solar Electricity Generation Update

Elena Piekut showed the two online dashboards for the Dover High School and Children's Museum of NH/Indoor Pool. As of November 25, 2020, generation now totals:

Dover High School
Current Power
46.42 kW
Energy today
439.77 kWh
Energy this month
50.43 MWh
Lifetime energy
1.25 GWh
CO2 Emission Saved
1,935,096.38 lb
Equivalent Trees Planted
14,621.4



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Children’s Museum of NH/Indoor Pool

Current Power

3.96 kW

Energy today

30.76 kWh

Energy this month

4.08 MWh

Lifetime energy

149.52 MWh

Environmental Benefits

CO2 Emission Saved

231,531.95 lb

Equivalent Trees Planted

1,749.43

B. Updating the Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter of the Master Plan

Elena Piekut reported that citizen survey findings have been compiled and the committee will meet again soon.

C. Other

Elena Piekut shared with the group that she recently attended the (virtual) biannual meeting of the New England Municipal Sustainability Network.

D. Request for Proposals – Solar Power Purchase Agreements

Chair Bill Baber and Mike Behrmann led an update regarding the RFP process as it stands. Two of the three bidders stand out in competition. The Commission has been asked to provide a recommendation to the review committee regarding the sale or retention of the renewable energy certificates (RECs) associated with generating renewable electricity. RECs can be sold in local markets, which are dependent on a number of factors, especially state-level policy. The RFP called for proposals to address pricing if 1) the City owns the RECs, 2) the City owns the RECs beginning in year 10, and 3) the developer retains ownership of the RECs. Discussion ensued regarding the various short and long-term factors affecting the current and potential value of RECs, the costs of retaining them for sale, and the benefit of retaining them to “retire” them by claiming the environmental benefits the represent.

Motion: Otis Perry moved that the renewable energy certificates (RECs) associated with this request for proposals remain the property of the selected vendor(s). Vincent Lyon seconded. Bill Baber requested a roll-call vote: Susan Smith – yes, Mike Behrmann – yes, Vincent Lyon – yes, Zak Koehler – abstain, as he had not been present for the entire discussion, Bill Baber – yes. **Vote:** U/A with one abstention.

Bill Baber said he has been learning more about, and would like the Commission to explore further, the opportunities to utilize group net metering of projects. Discussion ensued regarding this and other aspects of the current, and possible future, requests for proposals.



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5. Old Business

A. Goal: Updating Energy Report

i. New Sections

ii. Lead Authors

B. Goal: Sustainability Committee

Chair Bill Baber said he would like to address items 5A and 5B at the next meeting, but encouraged members to consider what other information should be shared along with energy reporting in the planned document.

6. New Business

None.

7. Other Business / Member Comments

None.

8. Call for Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjourn

Susan Smith moved to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Vincent Lyon seconded. Chair Bill Baber noted that Walter King's connection seemed to be lost. Vote: U/A.