



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:34, March 17th, 2021, and asked remote members to state their location, whether they are alone, and their reason for participating remotely, in accordance with the emergency meeting provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III(b).

Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison) – home along, remote due to COVID-19
Vincent Lyon - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19
Walter King - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19
Barrett Miles (Alternate) - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19
Michael Behrmann - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19
Susan Smith – Present in the room
Bill Baber (Chair) – Present in the meeting room
Chris Parker (City Planner and Acting Staff Liaison) - present in the meeting room
Absent - Zak Koehler, Otis Perry

2. Assign Minutes Taker

Michael Behrmann volunteered to record minutes for this meeting and, in the absence of a volunteer, will assign members in the future on a rotating basis.

3. Citizen's Forum

No Citizens for Citizens Forum.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17th, 2021

Susan Smith motioned to approve the minutes of February 17th, 2021. Walter King seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

5. Council Liaison Update

Deborah Thibodeaux give an update on the council. Felt the energy report would be very valuable to present to the Council. Also gave an update about the potential of the new position being created.

6. New Business

Rob Warner from Concord Energy and Environment Committee -

Discussed Concord's efforts to meet 100% renewable by 2050 goal. Put together a resolution to work on their ready for 100 campaign. Gained broad support and brought the Chamber in early to discuss the business development opportunities. Developed a strategic plan – Can find on the Cities website



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Discussed the need for passage of HB 109 that expands net metering to 5 MW for municipalities to make their effort work. Currently purchase RECs to satisfy 100% goal for now but want projects to ultimately meet that goal. The whole effort really was a directive of their Committee.

Peter Hansel from Keene Energy and Sustainability/Climate Committee –

20+ years ago joined Cities for Climate Protection. Made a commitment to go to a clean energy future. Did a GHG emissions inventory. Developed an action plan to reduce those GHG's by 2015. Needed to figure out how to bring the rest of the community to follow the City's lead. 2018 began considering move to 100% renewable use by 2030 and thermal and transportation by 2050. Emphasized community support and community involvement is critical. Commitment by City staff and Mayor has also been very important. Finally, City Council spending money to hire consultants to develop a plan around Community Power Aggregation.

Allyson Samuell from Sierra Club Ready for 100 -

Have many examples of resolutions adopting Ready for 100 campaign. Primary role is to help the local organizers role out a campaign. Also echoed need to engage the community. Could provide training opportunities on how to organize the community, do outreach, and utilize tool kits they have.

Arcadia Lee from Appalachian Mountain Club –

Resident of Dover. Researcher hired to help AMC develop a plan so they can get to a fully renewable, net zero position by 2050 as well. Advice would be to set a target but not get hung up initially on how to achieve it yet. Need to focus on reducing emissions. AMC saw the need to develop their strategic plan. Focus was to first understand their facilities and their use related to transportation. Interviewed facilities manager to gain a better understanding. Developed inward facing policies. Doing efficiency upgrades, EV charging stations, Constellation Energy contract to buy RECs, looking to get onsite solar. Looking at potential for Community Solar.

Bill Baber asked Peter Hansel about the budget Keene put in to put together their plan. Hansel noted the Cadmus contract was around \$45,000. Received fellowship work from UNH fellows. Community Power consultant isn't being paid but will get a percentage once the program is up and running.

Walter King suggested we need to engage with the Chamber of Commerce the way Concord had done in their efforts.

Bill Baber brought up the discussion current bills before the legislature, specially SB 151 regarding renewable energy procurement and SB 109 a bill to expand net metering to 5 MW for municipalities. Baber suggested we request a letter of support for these bills from the City Council to show our support for their passage.

Motion by Susan Smith, seconded by Barrett Miles to send a letter in support of SB 151 and SB 109. Voted to make the request to the Council to send a letter in support of the aforementioned the bills.



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Deborah Thibodeaux - Yes
Vincent Lyon - Yes
Walter King - Yes
Barrett Miles - Yes
Michael Behrmann - Abstain
Susan Smith – Yes
Bill Baber (Chair) – Yes

7. Staff Updates

Chris Parker updates. Planning Board has created a committee to look at beefing up EV charging use. Hoping to increase. Donna Benton will be at the next meeting to give an update.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.