



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:32, 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).

Roll call:

Physically Present: Bill Baber (Chair), Mike Behrmann, Otis Perry

Members Called In: Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison) – home along, remote due to COVID-19

Walter King - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19

Vincent Lyon - home, alone, remote due to COVID-19

Susan Smith-home, alone, remote due to COVID-19

Staff Present: Donna Benton (City Planner and Acting Staff Liaison) - present in the meeting room

Unexcused Absent:– Rebecca Ohler (alternate), Barrett Miles (alternate)

2. Assign Minutes Taker

Vincent Lyon volunteered to the meeting taker.

3. Citizen's Forum

No citizens were present.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2021

Susan Smith moved to approve the minutes with amendment. Walter King seconded. Mike Behrmann abstained as she was not present at the April Commission meeting.

Vote: U/A.

5. Staff Updates

D.Benton explained that City Council to hold general public hearing for the budget proposal Wednesday May 26 at 7:00 PM will include discussion of Resilience Plan.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business –

A. Community Power Coalition

- Invitation has been extended to join the Community Power Coalition
- Reviewed Letter of Explanation and Recommendation of support authored by Barrett Miles
- Henry Consultant under contract with City of Lebanon working in collaboration with the coalition organizing group (including Lebanon, Nashua, Hanover, and others) explains merits of the coalition and answers questions.
- **Motion:** Otis Perry moved that the Energy Commission recommend to the City Council to join the coalition with the understanding that this would give us influence over the way the coalition operates and at this point there is no expectation of a financial component. Seconded by Vincent Lyon. Votes in favor: Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Susan Smith, Mike Berman, Otis Perry, Bill Baber.



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B. Electric Vehicle Charging Regulation Amendments

- Jackson Kaspari from the Planning Board & Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Subcommittee reviewed Department of Energy data and presented relevant information for New Hampshire and The City of Dover. The Dover/Rochester/Somersworth/Durham area needs a 382% increase to align with DoE recommendations for EV charging stations relying on conservative assumptions for EV adoption.
- Proposed amendments to Planning Board Regulations Chapter 153: Site Plan Regulations
- **Motion:** Mike Behrmann moved to approve and recommend the proposed amendments to the planning board. Otis Perry seconded. Votes in favor: Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Susan Smith, Mike Berman, Otis Perry, Bill Baber.

C. 10-Year State Strategy Deadline

- Bill Baber has drafted a letter requesting an extension to the deadline for comments to allow time for a subcommittee to review the existing 10-Year Energy Strategy as well as comments already drafted by Clean Energy New Hampshire (CENH) to provide comments.
- Behrmann and Baber to add language to request letter mentioning the relevance of the proposed creation of a NH Department of Energy to this review process.
- **Motion:** Otis Perry moves to accept the letter of request for an extension with the proposed language added. Susan Smith seconds. Votes in favor: Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Susan Smith, Mike Berman, Otis Perry, Bill Baber.
- Susan Smith and Vincent Lyon volunteer to review the 10-Year Plan and draft comments on behalf of the energy commission regardless of the request for extension.

8. Other Business/Member Comments

There was none

9. Call for Agenda Items

There were none

10. Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned. Vote: U/A

Vincent Lyon - Yes

Walter King - Yes

Barrett Miles - Yes

Mike Behrmann- Yes

Susan Smith- Yes

Otis Perry- Yes

Bill Baber (Chair) – Yes