

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:30.

Roll call:

Present: Bill Baber (Chair), Mike Behrmann, Otis Perry, Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Susan Smith, Rebecca Ohler (alternate)

Staff Present: Christopher Parker (Assistant City manager and Acting Staff Liaison)

Excused Absent: Barrett Miles (alternate)

2. Assign Minutes Taker

Susan Smith volunteered to be the meeting minutes taker.

3. Citizen's Forum

No citizens were present.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2021

V. Lyon moved to approve the minutes with amendment. S. Smith seconded.

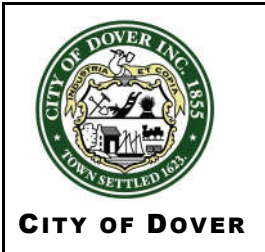
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5. Staff Updates

C. Parker explained that the position supported by the Energy Commission was adopted by the City Council. Mr. Parker and Chair Baber are now working on the job description. The position was posed on June 15 of 2021, and a three-week turnaround is expected. There has already been some interest expressed. All applications are due by July 7, 2021. Interviews are expected to occurring during the last week of July or first week of August. A realistic start date will be September 7, 2021.

Mr. Parker continued that the Dover Planning Board has endorsed electric vehicle charging on public spaces. They would like some input from the Energy Commission. The Planning board plans to set up a committee to review locations for public deployment of EV charging stations. This committee will begin work in September and will include representatives from the Parking Commission and Planning Board, in addition to the Energy Commission representation. Rebecca Ohler will participate in this committee, Mike Behrmann and Otis Perry also may participate. Vincent Lyon noted that the Conservation Commission should be included in the subcommittee.

Mr. Parker noted that there was previously a discussion regarding replacing the Dover Sustainability page with a portal. The Strafford County Regional Planning Commission has some extra grant money which the Planning Commission has accepted to update the web page. The project will include discussion with SRPC staff, along with active Energy Commission participation. There was also discussion about revamping the website into more of an interactive portal. Once the new Resiliency Coordinator is brought on board, he/she will work on development and implementation of a citywide Resiliency Plan, providing community outreach and education on resiliency issues. He/she will be working across various departments etc, to pull multiple stakeholders into the conversation. Mike Behrmann note that the web page/portal should be designed for the users and designer.



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6. Old Business - None

7. New Business –

- A. Comments to Office of Strategic Initiatives:** Vincent Lyon noted that himself, Chair Baber and Susan Smith drafted the Energy Commission comments.

O. Perry motioned to adopt the draft letter and have the Chair sign it as amended, with further amendments if needed based on the ESEE Board of recommendations. V. Lyon Seconded. Vote: U/A

8. Other Business/Member Comments

There was none

9. Call for Agenda Items

There were none. The Chair noted that The City Council will have a workshop session on Community Power on July 7, 2021. Deborah Thibodeau is sponsoring a resolution to adopt the Community Power coalition.

10. Adjourn:

O. Perry moved to adjourn. V. Lyon seconded. **Vote: U/A**