

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

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

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:34.

Roll call:

Present: Bill Baber (Chair), Mike Behrmann (remote), Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Susan Smith, Rebecca Ohler (Alternate), Barrett Miles (Alternate), Quincy Devine (Alternate)

Absent: Otis Perry (Excused)

Staff Present: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Coordinator)

2. Assign Minutes Taker

B. Baber volunteered to be the meeting minutes taker.

3. Citizen's Forum

No citizens were present.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021

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

Vote: U/A.

5. Staff Updates

- A.** J. Kaspari introduced the need for an Electric Aggregation Committee (EAC.) The EAC would prepare, review, and present to the City Council for approval the aggregation plan for the Community Power Coalition (CPC.) J. Kaspari explained how other communities have addressed this issue and what might be required in Dover given the preparatory work already done by the CPC. It is likely that Dover will not launch for a year and a half.

A discussion followed by the Commission members where there was a general consent that the EV was the appropriate body to undertake this task. It was also the general consensus that the EC would like to have additional information before making a formal commitment. J. Kaspari agreed to arrange for an outside expert, Samuel Golding, to present at our next meeting. There was some concern amongst members that if this appears to be a fairly time-consuming undertaking that it might be necessary to expand the EC to include a tasked subcommittee which may also need expertise from other City departments. There was consensus that one challenge will be communicating the plan to the public.

Q. Devine pointed out that the optimum time to enter into a new energy contract is the spring. J. Kaspari noted that the rule making for community power is still underway by the PUC. He also noted that several towns have already had their plans approved by the PUC.

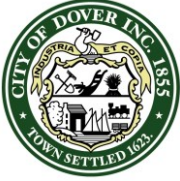
- B.** J. Kaspari presented an early look at his proposed Resilience Master Plan Chapter Outline:

Section 1: Introduction to Dover's Resiliency

Dover 400 Mission Statement

Definitions

Overview of Resiliency



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Historical Examples

Section 2: Community Initiatives

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire
My Community Power Network
Commercial and Property Assessed Clean Energy
Weatherization and Efficiency Upgrades
Street-side Composting
Community Garden Expansion
Plastic Waste Reduction
Arts Projects (Include AEP6?)

Section 3: Municipal Resiliency Projects

Overview of Municipal Energy Use
Overview of GHG and Nitrogen Emissions?
Municipal Solar Expansion (Include GNM)
Audit Results Overview (Ice Rink and WWTP)
Air source Heat Pumps
Fleet Electrification
EVSE Expansion (Municipal and Public)
Flooding Protection
Stormwater Management

Section 4: Reductions Targets

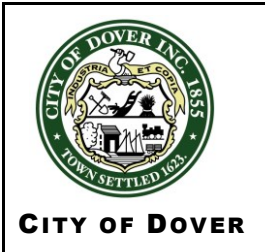
Energy Reductions
GHG and N Reductions

A general discussion followed.

- C. R. Ohler excused herself before the following discussion.
RFP for Fire Department EVSE - Purchasing Agent Simmons released the RFP on Monday November 8. All proposals and bids are due by November 30 and we expect to decide on the awarded bidder during the following days. Based on conversations with vendors prior to the RFP release, J. Kaspari hopeful the City will receive a good number of high-quality proposals. J. Kaspari will update the Commission on the RFP decision during the December meeting.

6. Old Business –

- A. Energy Commission Report - The members discussed the contents of the prior year's report, which of the requests to Council have been satisfied, which will need to be modified, and ones that will need to be added. J. Kaspari indicated that the evolving "My Community Power Network" may be able to provide for reporting out the City's energy usage as opposed to the prior method of deducing consumption from financial reports. M. Behrmann agreed to work on exploring what might be considered for solar RFP during 2022. Susan will again take the lead on what is occurring cities and towns are doing statewide and changes occurring nationally on "Ready for 100" efforts. V. Lyon will work with J. Kaspari on energy consumption. J. Kaspari also agreed to craft an introduction on community power as B. Miles will not be available as he is



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relocating to another community. V. Lyon suggested adding an update on offshore wind and M. Behrmann agreed to do that. January was set as the target for completion. Councilor Thibodeaux noted that the Council did review our prior report in detail.

7. New Business –

- A. Electric Vehicle Show Debrief – B. Baber provided a brief overview of the Energy Commission Electric Vehicle Show on Saturday, November 13. The event was more successful than we had anticipated with over thirty vehicles participating ranging from eBikes to a Porsche Taycan. Owners made up the majority of participants and were able to provide valuable first-hand information on the owning experience. The venue proved to be excellent. If done in the future, having it coincide with Apple Harvest Day would greatly expand the visibility.

8. Other Business/Member Comments

- A. Recent PUC ruling on the Triannual Energy Efficiency Plan – B. Baber explained how this ruling will negatively impact Dover's goals for reducing our energy consumption and how especially impactful it will be to Dover's disadvantaged. R. Ohler noted that the American Council for an Energy Efficient (ACEEE) called the ruling and referred to the ruling as taking a worrisome step backward and that there would also be a negative impact on local jobs.

S. Smith made a motion to have a subcommittee of the EC work on a letter for the Council to forward to the PUC expressing our displeasure with the ruling and explaining why. Vincent seconded the motion.
Vote: U/A

It was agreed that B. Baber would prepare a draft and V. Lyon, M. Behrmann, and R. Ohler would individually offer suggestions and edits.

9. Call for Agenda Items

None

10. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote.

Vote: U/A

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.