



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Bill Baber (Chair), Walter King, Vincent Lyon, Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Susan Smith, Otis Perry, Rebecca Ohler (Alternate), Arcadia Lee (Alternate)

Absent: Quincy Devine (excused), Mike Behrmann,

Staff Present: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Coordinator)

Others Present:

2. Assign Minutes Taker

S. Smith volunteered to be the minutes taker.

3. Citizens' Forum

No citizens were present.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021

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

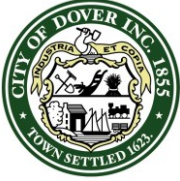
Vote: U/A through a roll call.

5. Staff Updates from J. Kaspari

Electric Aggregation Committee and Next Steps

Per the memo written by J. Kaspari, the Energy Commission was appointed by the City Council at its February 23rd meeting to serve as Dover's Electric Aggregation Committee. Acting as such, the Energy Commission is now tasked with preparing and Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) for Dover Community Power (DCP). A template for that EAP has been included as part of the Commission meeting materials, although it may be updated by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. Prior to the next meeting, J. Kaspari asked that everyone look at the materials. Dover has at least one year to develop their plan, using the template. Dover's City officials have been adamant about waiting to launch DCP until the municipal facilities can also participate upon conclusion of the current competitive supply contract with NextEra Energy. CPCNH is currently debating how to approach cost sharing allocations before a year of community power program service is provided. In theory the model will only benefit the community by lowering energy costs.

J. Kaspari noted that the rule-making process is currently in an open docket with the PUC. The PUC will not approve any electric aggregation plans as long as the rule-making process is open.



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6. Old Business –

The Energy Commission Report

Chair B. Baber started the discussion regarding the draft report. The following sections were heavily edited since the discussion at the last meeting: Making Dover Part of the Solution, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Increase Energy Efficiency and Conservation. Discussion followed regarding the section on Dover Municipal Electricity Consumption. Consumption has remained essentially unchanged since last year, however it was agreed by all that despite this, the bar chart indicating Greatest Average Municipal Electricity Consumption, as well as the graph of Electricity Consumption Trends for Top Five Municipal Consumers will be included in the 2022 Energy Report.

V. Lyon moved to approve the following resolution: the 2022 Dover Energy Commission Report will be edited to include summaries of energy consumption by the City of Dover as a new Page 3 (prior to “Making Dover Part of the Solution”), with the following sentence added to the bar charts: “An analysis of the largest municipal electrical energy consumers in the City of Dover, NH has revealed negligible change in the monthly consumption rates or comparative ranking thereof.” This motion was unanimously approved.

Motion made by V. Lyon to approve the following: “the 2022 Dover Energy Commission Report will be edited to include a recommendation that the City of Dover communicate their support for NH PUC Docket # DE 19-197 to make this data publicly available.”

This motion was seconded by O. Perry. Vote: U/A.

The final draft of the 2022 Report will be sent to B. Baber for final review. The final version will be emailed to the City Council, and it was agreed that members of the Energy Commission should make a formal presentation of the Report at a regular City Council meeting.

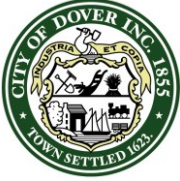
How can the City Improve Solar Reporting?

There was a discussion among members regarding the improvement of reporting solar panel performance, and J. Kaspari noted the goal of streamlining the reporting. B. Baber noted that this is a complicated topic, but that for future solar RFPs, we need to ensure that the data of energy consumed as well as power returned to the grid are readily available.

7. New Business –

Solar Group Net Metering

J. Kaspari noted that the laws for group net metering are constantly changing. He also noted that group net metered accounts can now choose to not be on default power, so the Dover High School may be able to become part of a group. C. Parker is looking for a consultant to help navigate this. Any new RFPs for solar should include options for group net metering.



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8. Other Business/Member Comments

None

9. Call for Agenda Items

None

10. Adjourn: *O. Perry motioned to adjourn, B. Baber seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.*

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