



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall – 288 Central Ave**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 22, 2022**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Roll call: Bill Baber (Chair), Vincent Lyon, Susan Smith, Quincy Devine, Arcadia Lee, Walker King and Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux

Excused Absent: Mike Behrmann and Rebecca Ohler

Unexcused Absent:

Staff Present: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Coordinator)

2. Assign Minutes Taker

Walter King volunteered to be the meeting minutes taker.

3. Citizens' Forum

No citizens were present.

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022

Q. Devine moved to approve the minutes. S. Smith seconded.

Vote: U/A

5. Old Business –

None was discussed.

6. New Business –

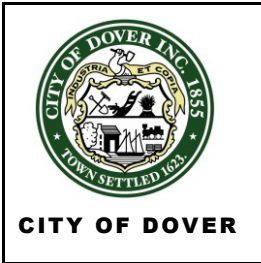
A. B. Baber provided an update on the 2022 EV show planning process.

B. Baber met with J. Kaspari, S. Smith and R. Ohler. The Dover Greater Chamber of Commerce confirmed the event as part of the 2022 Apple Harvest Day. The goal is to send notices to dealers and prospective participants soon. The Town of Exeter had until sponsor their event. The location, while it offered substantial space, was hard to find. There is the possibility of including an all-electric transport bus as part of the event that could shuttle in attendees. BYD had a bus at the Energy Innovation Conference.

J. Kaspari to reach out to the City Attorney to ensure it's legally sound to partner with an entity like Eversource for the EV Show.

J. Kaspari mentioned the testimony that he offered as part of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding public input process. The Ice Arena with co-located outdoor pool and skating rink has potential for fast charging applications and meets the criteria for funding.

Discussion commenced about potential alternative locations such as the McConnell Center and Library lot.



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B. J. Kaspari shared an update regarding his involvement with the Risk Management Committee (RMC) for the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). The next stage for the RMC is to review the proposals that were submitted in response to the vendor services RFP. Interviews will be scheduled with short listed vendors. Beyond the RMC activities there is also a search committee that is actively trying to recruit a CEO. Dover is looking at a potential 2024 launch is all goes well with the Coalition.

Q. Devine offered insight to the situation with gas and the resulting impact that's having on electricity rates in the region.

In terms of next steps for the Commission acting as the City's Electric Aggregation Committee, the Commission still needs to finish the Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP), however we've been waiting on finalized rules from the Public Utilities Commission regarding Community Power which may change some of the content needed in the EAP. Once the rules are adopted the Commission should start pressing forward with the EAP process but there is time considering the targeted 2024 launch window.

7. Staff Updates

A. J. Kaspari worked with Outreach Coordinator Bassegio to produce a solar handout to help guide citizens and business owners through the solar process. Kaspari asked for input from the Commission. The handout will be made available through the Resilient Dover section of the City website.

V. Lyon brought up being considerate of the target audience for related outreach. The Library may be a good place to increase engagement from younger parents with kids who may be ready to take the solar step for their homes. With the electricity price hikes, it's likely that public interest in solar will increase.

B. Baber suggested adding in Clean Energy New Hampshire as being a good resource regarding this topic.

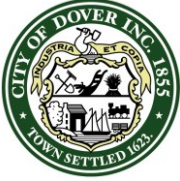
B. B. Baber: No new members pending to join the Commission. J. Kaspari met with a prospective new member who works on energy demand response. Reached out after an initial meeting but have yet to hear a back regarding an application.

C. J. Kaspari invited the members of the Commission to attend his dissertation defense. He mentioned how the consistent support of the Commission was helpful for maintaining motivation during an intense period of balancing job responsibilities with finishing up graduate school. His goal is to frame the talk in such a way that it's accessible to folks outside of the atmospheric chemistry community.

8. Other Business/Member Comments

A. B. Baber called out the desire to increase collaboration between the Commission and the Dover Planning Board. He has asked for Planning and Community Development Director Benton and Planning Board Chair Cruikshank to attend a future meeting.

S. Smith inquired if J. Kaspari or B. Baber had any recent conversations with the WWTF Supervisor Ray Vermette about the possibility of integrating a technology like hydrothermal carbonization (HTC).



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J. Kaspari explained while they haven't had focused conversation on this topic recently, an energy audit process has begun for the facility as well as municipal water system wells and pump stations. Whether implementing solar or another technology, starting with efficiency improvements will be an important first step.

9. Call for Agenda Items

None

10. Adjourn: *Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.*