

**CITY OF DOVER**

## ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**  
Meeting Location: **City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Ave.**  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**  
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

### 1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:30 PM

**Roll Call:** Bill Baber (Chair), Vincent Lyon (Vice Chair), Walter King, Susan Smith, Lucas Veitch, Bret Carmichael, Arcadia Lee

Prospective Member Eric Ryherd was also in attendance.

**Excused Absent:** Quincy Devine, John Turner, Vincent Lyon

**Staff:** Jackson Kaspari

### 2. Assign Minutes Taker

Bret Carmichael was assigned to take the minutes.

### 3. Citizens' Forum: None present.

### 4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2024

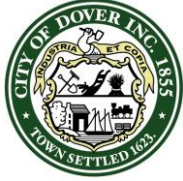
W. King moved to approve. A. Lee seconded. Vote: U/A.

### 5. Staff Updates

#### A. WWTF PV Solar Project

- The City is working to reach a middle ground with stakeholder that will allow us to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) solar project. Attorneys are reviewing the letter of intent with Revision Energy.
- The City has approached Revision Energy with a modification to the letter of intent; to preserve optionality for the City to send the project out to bid.
- Next, the City of Dover will meet with Eversource and Revision Energy with the intent to answer question that Eversource might have, create alignment, and gain their support.

#### B. Energy Savings Performance Contracting Project



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- Competitive solicitation development is underway. The City is evaluating multiple RFPs, so that the City can develop a comprehensive RFP that will earn attractive bids.
- HB1187 was vetoed by the Governor. This is a good outcome. Had HB1187 passed, it would have limited the City's optionality.

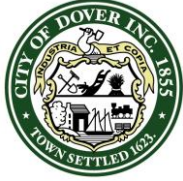
### C. DOT CFI Community EV Charging Program

- This is a great opportunity for the City of Dover and State of New Hampshire as a whole. The City is pursuing a large sum of money for L2 charging in Dover that is without the mandate to provide DC fast charging.
- Jackson Kaspari submitted a recommendation to locate four charges proximal to Henry Law Park.
- The City has the option to work with a private vendor to own and maintain the charging station.
- The City prefers L2 charging over L3 charging, because on-demand electricity requires high utilization to be effective and would be expensive for users. L3 chargers are more appropriate for highway corridors than they are for municipalities of Dover's size.

### D. LES Conference Planning

- Clean Energy is planning content for their upcoming conference. Energy Commission Members are encouraged to attend.
- Topic recommendations include the future of the Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) market, and renewable energy certificates (general and/or how they work).
- Energy Commission Members can submit topic ideas.
- The conference date is November 1, 2024.

### E. Podcast Outreach



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- Jackson Kaspari highlighted favorable Community Power rates on the Dover Download.
- There is a friendly competition among New Hampshire municipalities to motivate users to opt-in for tiers with higher percentages of renewable energy. There is no requirement for any user(s) to opt-in to a higher renewable tier. The choice is the user's exclusively.
- In October, the City of Dover's Deputy City Manager Chris Parker would like to facilitate a 1-year in review of Community Power
- Apple Harvest Day is a good opportunity to educate Dover residents on the merits and benefits of Community Power.

### 6. New Business

#### A. Workgroup Reporting

##### 1) Community Power:

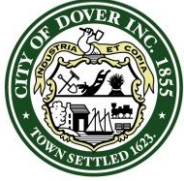
- Community Power is successful in Dover, but future net metering is at risk, due to lack of support.
- The County is not a member of Community Power. If the County does join, it could facilitate the participation of additional municipalities, like Rochester.
- At current Community Power rates, users enrolled in the 50% renewable energy tier still beat the default Eversource rate.

##### 2) Municipal Energy Generation

- No new updates.

##### 3) Transportation

- Apple Harvest Day is approaching. We received positive engagement on prior Days, but experienced difficulties attracting electric vehicles. Dealerships did not want to remove sales staff from showroom floors.
- EVs are ubiquitous now. Less education is needed, and EVs may no longer be an appropriate showcase for Apple Harvest Day. Bill Baber recommended a "Sustainability Day" called Dover Saves.
- The Inflation Reduction Act will create discounts for heat pumps and mini splits. There's value to Dover residents in creating awareness of access to future discounts.



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- The Commission brainstormed ideas to attract Apple Harvest Day attendees to the Energy Commission's Dover Saves exhibit.
- Arcadia Lee and Bret Carmichael will work on promotional ideas.
- The Commission acknowledged; the City can't create the perception of endorsing any participating contractor or installer. This includes solar installers, mini split installers, etc.

#### 4) Net Zero

- No new updates.

#### C. Other Business / Member Comments:

- Bill Baber introduced prospective Member Eric Ryherd to the Energy Commission.
- Bill Baber articulated the Commission's roles, responsibilities, and workstreams to Eric Reyherd.

#### D. Call for Agenda Items: none

Adjourn: Susan Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Arcadia Lee seconded. The motion was passed with unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.