



**CITY OF DOVER**

## ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2012  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Goldman (Chair), Shannon Rogers Keegan (Vice-Chair), Eric Steltzer, Jan Nedelka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carmen Buford-Paige, Mary Gilbertson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tim Corwin (Assistant City Planner)

### Approval of April 24, 2012 and April 25, 2012 minutes

- Motion made by Nedelka, seconded by Keegan to approve minutes from 5/15/2012 and 4/24/12.
  - Make a correction to the name of the business who entered an agreement with school for electricity. Vote was unanimous.

### Staff Update

- Dover 2023
  - Nedelka gave an update and the DEC letter was sent to the Dover 2023 to support sustainability in the plan.
  - Dover 2023 thought that energy and sustainability should be integrated into the plan, not a separate chapter.
  - There was broad support from Dover 2023 for sustainability.
  - Plan was brought to the planning board.
  - Citizens brought forward concerns about the process for Dover 2023 and concerns of it being pre planned and did not take public input.
  - June 26th hearing is going to occur and the planning board is intended to take action.
  - The planning process is an iterative process.
- New members
  - One regular slot open right now
  - 2-3 alternates are available and 1 person may be interested
- Emails
  - Corwin will follow up with Annie Dove in IT to make sure they are up and running
- Blog
  - Discussion on setting up a DEC blog
  - Dover Energy Advisory Committee has had a Facebook page
  - Any social media would need to be done without assistance from city staff

### Process

- Brief overview on how we would conduct the visioning process tonight.



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### Vision

- Discussion on brainstorming of ideas
- Ideas from last fall were the building block
- Update from 6.b.3 Meetings have been had with revision energy.
  - Steltzer discussed revisions innovative ppa arrangement for municipalities and nonprofits
- Update from Corwin on 6.b.4
  - Discussion on the turbine. The turbine is currently out of the water and the city is seeking funds from the state
- Competitive electricity: update on section earlier in the agenda.
  - The city corrected that the measurements is kwh and not therms. Steltzer looked at it and agreed that it was for electricity and it was a good price.
- General discussion on vision for the next year
  - Seek collaboration including with the schools
  - Collaboration with other local energy committees
    - ▶ Maybe a focus on state policies and advocating for energy efficiency
    - ▶ Street light program
  - climate change
    - ▶ Have science cafe's
  - Ecomunicipalities. Try to find our niche working with other efforts in the city.
    - ▶ Maybe focus on municipal decision making
  - Municipal opportunities
    - ▶ Education and outreach. Encourage the public to think about these issues.
  - Idea about trying to keep us focused and not get too many projects going
  - Transportation is important and we should collaborate with tac.
  - Collaborate with the planning board.
  - Work towards getting the city council to adopt a resolution on ecomunicipality.
  - Dover listen partnership
  - Connection with Carsey institute and maybe on water.
  - Dover should get out and share their experience on performance contracting.
  - Nedelka will be working on the school portion of the task and work on this direction.
    - Led lighting in particular. Possibly looking at vocational programs.
  - Discussion on the goals for outreach and education
    - ▶ Is it to get more people to be more aware of energy?
    - ▶ Is it to provide people an opportunity to gather, share and learn of like minded individuals.
  - Goldman will contact nh public radio about getting message out about Dover.
  - Keegan will get in touch with Dover Listens and NH listens.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20.**