



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2014
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members present: Elizabeth Goldman (chair), Michele Alexander, Laura Raineri, Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux

Members absent: Carmen Buford-Paige

Staff present: Christopher Parker (Director of Planning and Community Development), Tim Corwin (Assistant City Planner)

Meeting called to order by E.Goldman.

L.Raineri introduced herself to the Commission.

-Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 16, 2013

Meeting minutes of October 16, 2013 approved unanimously.

-Staff Updates

C.Parker thanked the Energy Commission members for their service and commitment. He also discussed the nature and progress of the Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Study, as well as the Silver Street reconstruction project, the plan for bike lanes throughout the City, and other miscellaneous City project. He invited the Energy Commission to provide input for the Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Study.

M. Alexander suggested reaching out to the participants of the New Climate Adaptation Project to invite them to become members of the Energy Commission.

T.Corwin mentioned that staff had discussed vesting jurisdiction over the Community Garden with the Energy Commission. E.Goldman and M.Alexander expressed reluctance given the current location of the community garden. Alternative locations for the Community Garden were discussed.

D. Thibodeaux introduced herself as the City Council liaison to the Energy Commission.

E.Goldman explained the history of the Energy Advisory Committee, the Energy Commission, and the recent difficulty in obtaining and keeping members on the Commission.

-Election of Officers

M.Alexander volunteered to serve as Chair. It was agreed that a vice chair is not necessary at this time because if M.Alexander could not attend the meeting, there would be no quorum. M.Alexander elected Chair unanimously.



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Discussion ensued as to whether D.Thibodeaux is a voting member.

-Member Updates

- Solar Power Purchase Agreement Project: T.Corwin explained that former member J. Nedelka had promised a deliverable at the Commission's meeting in October. This document would be used by the City Manager to sell the project to Council. E.Goldman volunteered to follow up with J.Nedelka.
- E.Goldman discussed coordinating energy related events with the Children's Museum, including applying for a Fish and Game grant to restore natural habitats along the Cochecho River at Henry Law Park. She mentioned reaching out to Norm Fracassa, landscape architect, to ask if he could assess our options. She also discussed coordinating a marigold project with the Children's Museum. E.Goldman volunteered to pursue applying for the grant.
- E.Goldman suggested making better use of the Energy Commission's website. T.Corwin explained that the City is in the process of creating a new City website, but updates to the Energy Commission page could be made now on a limited basis.
- EcoAds project: M. Alexander contacted them but has not heard back. It is her impression that the program is still active.
- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund: Discussion ensued regarding ideas for projects.
- E.Goldman discussed the idea of having a film series. Discussion ensued as to where the films could be screened including 7th Settlement, library, Blue Latitudes, McConnell Center, and Brick House. The Commission agreed this would be a great way to publicize and generate interest in the Energy Commission. M.Alexander suggested starting the film series by March. E.Goldman volunteered to reach out to 7th Settlement about a monthly film series. Discussion ensued re: determining costs of the event and seeking sponsorships.
- Councilor Thibodeaux suggested having a fall gardening fair, and said that she would raise awareness of the Energy Commission and the need for members at the City Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.