



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

Members present: Michele Alexander (Chair), Walter King, Chris Keeley, Laura Raineri, Liz Goldman, John Whitcomb, Cyrus Esmaili, Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux

Staff present: Tim Corwin (Assistant City Planner), Rick Jones (CDBG Coordinator)

Others: Becky Ohler, NH Department of Environmental Services and resident

Meeting called to order by M.Alexander.

-Review of Draft October 15, 2014 and November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the October 15, 2014 and November 19, 2014 meeting minutes by E.Goldman, seconded by L.Raineri. U/A.

- Johnson Controls Energy Improvements Update

- R.Jones explained the agreement that the City of Dover entered into with Johnson Controls for various energy improvements around the City. He explained the nature of the improvements, costs savings per date, the status of the agreement, and the intent of the City to begin monitoring the cost savings on its own instead of paying Johnson Controls to perform such monitoring.
- R.Jones also described a grant proposal that was prepared in conjunction with Johnson Controls for funding for a solar array at the wastewater treatment plant. The grant winners have not yet been announced.
 - B.Ohler left the room during this discussion as she stated that she is a member of the committee reviewing the grant proposals.

-Solar RFP project update

- T.Corwin stated that he is working with John Rizzo with ADI Energy to make further edits to the RFQ.
- B. Ohler suggested that the RFQ ask what level of grant funding the respondent needs to pursue to make the project viable; projects over 25% grant funding are probably not viable.

-Other Business

- T.Corwin gave an overview of the City's floodplain outreach efforts and explained that new maps prepared by FEMA will be adopted in 2015.
- L.Goldman gave an update on the City's climate change project. The next event is scheduled for January 22, 2015. The next steps involve developing an action plan to address climate change. The meetings to date have focused on land use regulations and green infrastructure.
- B.Ohler offered to serve as a resource for the Energy Commission.
- T.Corwin reminded the Commission that elections for Energy Commission officers will be on the agenda for January.
- T.Corwin welcomed C.Maesili to the Commission as a regular member.
- M.Alexander stated that she'll bring information on the Energy Commission to the Winter Solstice event that the Energy Commission agreed to sponsor, to be held on Saturday December 20th.



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- The Commission reviewed the draft letter prepared by C.Keely to other City boards and commissions. The members approved the letter with an amendment to include a reference to the work the Commission has done in assisting the City with its energy savings efforts, Johnson Controls, etc. The Commission agreed to send the letter out in January.
- The Commission discussed the film series project; it will be revisited as part of the overall discussion to be held regarding the Commission's goals and direction.
- W.King discussed the energy event that he attended at the Cochecho Country Club sponsored by the Dover Chamber of Commerce.

-New Business

- L.Goldman described her idea of a climate change “water line” project – which would consist of visual markers around the City that depicting the height of waters under various future climate change scenarios. She spoke with Prof. Cameron Wake at UNH who expressed enthusiasm for the idea and provided maps that could be used. The project would involve a strong educational component. L.Goldman discussed similar projects in other communities. The markers would be temporary. She stated that in the most extreme scenario Henry Law Park does not exist and the Washington Street mill is flooded. The intent of the project is to spark discussion about climate change preparation. C.Keely stated that there is a possible grant opportunity for art projects related to climate change which may dovetail with this project. UNH cooperative extension is applying for this funding and will keep the Commission updated.

The Commission agreed that its January meeting would be dedicated to a goal setting workshop, focusing on the 2008 Energy Action Plan.

Meeting adjourned.