

CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Attending Members present: Chris Keeley, Laura Raineri, John Whitcomb, Cyrus Esmacili and Staff Liaison Elena Piekut

Absent: Walter King, Council Liaison Deborah Thibodeaux

Meeting Called to Order 5:40 pm

Welcome

Chair Keeley called the meeting to order.

Citizen's Forum

None

Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2015

Motioned by John Whitcomb to approve and seconded by Cyrus Esmacili. Vote: UA

Staff Update

Member Liz Goldman attended briefly to announce her resignation to focus on the climate change, high water level art project which is scheduled for a March 7th Arts Commission approval. She needs water levels data.

Ned Raynolds from Johnson Controls introduced himself and expressed his interest in the Solar PV project.

Elena Piekut reported that she attended the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on SB 333, relative to net metering. Ameresco representatives also attended. SB 333 and its twin bill in the House, HB 1116, as presented would have increased the net metering cap from 50 MW to 75 MW. Elena said she received news before the meeting that the House Science Technology & Energy Committee amended the bill to increase the cap to 100 MW. The amended bill will now need to pass the full House and Senate.

Elena stated she has met with Ameresco several times and handed out a preliminary document from Ameresco estimating power generation by site. She explained that as screening of the sites continues, Ameresco will need to establish "site control" to get in the net metering queue with the utility. Elena is also providing as-built and electrical plans of the proposed sites to Ameresco for their screening process.

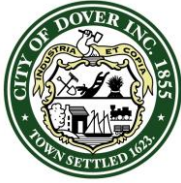
Ned stated we will need interconnection agreements for each site and a PPA for power purchasing.

Chris mentioned Ameresco setting up a regular update email with solar project progress. Elena will ask them to do so.

Chris suggested presenting the solar project to the Local Energy Solutions Conference in the fall.

Old Business

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New Business

A. Discussion/Update of 2015 Goals

The group reviewed goals that were drafted in early 2015.

- I. Assist City's solar installation project—partly complete, continue to monitor, then conduct education and outreach.
- II. Review Johnson Controls figures—some progress in 2015, less priority for 2016.
- III. Update 2008 Energy Plan—John will work on this, agenda item for March meeting.
- IV. Conduct outreach to other City boards—accomplished with letters and Land Use Board Meet & Greet presentation.

Elena discussed the C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy – Commercial) program as a possible future goal. C-PACE is a complex program designed to leverage private funding for commercial property energy efficiency upgrades, through a lien on the property administered by the municipality. RSA 53-F would need to be adopted by Dover to implement the program. Elena met with the Finance Director and C-PACE Program Director to discuss his concerns. The Town of Hanover is planning to adopt RSA 53-F and implement the program in 2016, so Dover can look at how it is done there. Vermont has PACE in effect including for residential properties, and it has been very successful in Connecticut. Thirty-two states have implemented PACE at some level.

B. Letter to Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC)

Chris discussed his desire to send a letter to the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee commending them for considering sea level rise in site design. Chris drafted the letter and asked for feedback. The group made a unanimous decision to send the letter with minor edits.

C. Save the Date: June 9 Coastal Adaptation Workgroup “Energy & Resiliency” Workshop

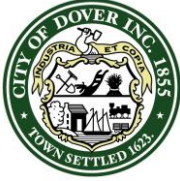
Chris asked the group to plan on attending this workshop and will provide flyers when they become available.

Action list:

Elena will ask Ameresco to provide regular updates.
Elena will provide Ameresco needed as-built and electrical plans.
Chris will send Liz Goldman water level data for Henry Law Park art installation.
John will collect and review data sent from City for discussion next month.

Call for Agenda Items

- Review updates on waterfront development project
- Discuss data and plan for updating the 2008 Energy Action Plan
- Discuss ways to promote the Solar PV project
- Make “Update on Solar PV Project” a standing agenda item



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Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm.