



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **2nd Floor Conference Room – City Hall, 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, January 18, 2017**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Members present: Chair Chris Keeley, Vice Chair Walter King, Jeff Chierepko, Julie Fournier, Staff Liaison Elena Piekut

Members absent: Rob Weir, John Whitcomb, Alternate Cyrus Esmaceli, City Council Liaison Deborah Thibodeaux

2. Citizen's Forum

None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2016

Walter King moved to approve the minutes of December 21st with the amendment that “Manager” refers to the “City Manager.” Jeff Chierepko seconded. Vote: U/A

4. Staff Update

Elena Piekut reported that there has been little change since last month in regard to the progress of C-PACE in New Hampshire or toward renewing a Letter of Intent with Ameresco. She still needs to discuss the latter with the City Manager.

Elena shared the text of House Bills 518 (an act eliminating the cap on net metering) and 535 (an act relative to community net metering, which would allow municipalities to net meter systems up to 5 MW). Science, Technology, and Energy Committee meetings will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm in the Legislative Office Building Room 304. She encouraged members to attend or contact their representatives and reminded them that they are speaking as private citizens and members of the Dover Energy Commission, not directly on behalf of the City of Dover. One member of the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee is Kenneth Vincent, who represents Wards 5 and 6 in Dover as well as a ward in Somersworth.

The City Council will hold its annual workshop with Dover's legislative representatives Wednesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. The group discussed writing a letter of support asking the Council to advocate for improvements to the net metering law.

5. Old Business

A. Energy Star Portfolio Manager

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Planning Department staff are still attempting to retrieve account information from the EPA.

B. Energy Action Plan/Report

Julie Fournier reported that she continues analyze data and has been working with the School Department to obtain additional information.

Walter King noted that Rob Weir reported having made some small changes to the report since the last meeting.

C. Seacoast Energy Hub Update

Walter King reported on his work with the Seacoast Energy Hub and shared the Request for Proposals (RFP) that has been issued by the group seeking energy efficiency/solar vendors to propose services specifically for Seacoast property owners. The proposals are due at the end of January.

6. New/Other Business

A. Election of Officers

After discussion, Walter King moved to postpone a vote on election of officers until the next meeting, when there may be more members in attendance. Jeff Chierepko seconded. Vote: U/A

B. Local Small Solar Installations

Elena Piekut shared a conversation she had with Otis Perry, Vice Chairman of the Dover Zoning Board of Adjustment and member of a number of other committees and commissions, who recently installed solar panels at his home. Elena will invite Mr. Perry to attend an Energy Commission meeting to discuss his experience.

7. Call for Agenda Items

Jeff Chierepko shared LED light conversion proposals received by his employer, Sig Sauer, and asked how the Energy Commission can participate in or better advocate for the City's LED conversion process at various City facilities. Elena will look into the current plan beyond streetlight conversion in 2019.

8. Adjourn

Walter King moved to adjourn. Jeff Chierepko seconded. Vote: U/A. Meeting adjourned 6:20 pm.