



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers Conference Room – City Hall, 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 6, 2017**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.

Members Present: Chair Walter King, Vice Chair Bill Baber, Julie Fournier, Chris Keeley.

Members Absent: Cyrus Esmacili, Jeff Chierepko, John Whitcomb, Rob Weir.

Others Present: Staff Liaison Elena Piekut, City Council Liaison Deborah Thibodeaux.

2. Citizen's Forum

None present.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2017.

Julie Fournier moved to approve the minutes with an amendment to clarify residency of off shore wind development presenters. Bill Baber seconded. Vote: U/A

4. Staff Update

A. Solar Photovoltaic Project

Elena Piekut provided an update following a letter sent to Ameresco, Inc. regarding their interest in continuing to work with the City. A 365-day feasibility study agreement with the company ended in December 2016, at which time Ameresco expressed a desire to wait for a change in net metering laws. In response to the letter in March, Ameresco indicated that they are willing to reengineer systems behind the meter, or without the benefit of net metering. A new agreement with them will require a new Council approval, and since the previous agreement lapsed four months ago, the City will issue two new request for proposals (RFP): one specifically for the new Dover High School roof, and one for the Transportation Center roof.

Bill Baber clarified that net metering will be available once the Public Utilities Commission completes its proceeding regarding alternative net metering tariffs. Bill said that is expected to be completed June 2nd.

Elena added that the City Attorney will attend the May meeting for an overview of NH RSA 91-A, the Right to Know law.



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5. Old Business

A. Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Elena Piekut reported that staff has gained access to the City's Energy Start Portfolio Manager account. It appears to contain data from 2004-2007 on 28 City properties. Staff will be coordinating with the Finance Department to fill in data since 2007 and possibly establish a method to have data updated monthly going forward. Julie Fournier suggested there may be a way for Eversource to import data directly.

B. Energy Action Plan/Report

The group discussed progress on data analysis and how best to represent data on usage and costs.

C. Seacoast Energy Hub Update

Walter King provided an update in preparation for the Energize360 campaign kickoff in Dover, scheduled for Saturday, April 8th from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Walter noted there are also open houses at two neighboring homes Saturday morning. The afternoon schedule includes two presentations and services available include energy audits and weatherization in addition to solar installations.

Elena Piekut noted that the Planning Office was made aware of a commercial roof mount solar array planned for Littleworth Road, which appears to be benefitting from a USDA grant program the Commission may want to learn more about and promote.

D. Vote on Resolution to Move Forward on Offshore Wind Development as presented by citizens, 350NH and Seacoast Anti-Pollution League March 15, 2017

Bill Baber presented a revised version of the resolution the group had provided. Discussion ensued concerning the impact of the Isles of Shoals, potential economic benefit to Portsmouth Harbor, and efforts in Baltimore to build a supply chain for and support off-shore wind development. Chris Keeley suggested inviting the group to the May meeting to discuss revisions to the resolution. Walter King asked that the Commission postpone the vote to May.



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6. New/Other Business

The group thanked former Chair Chris Keeley for this three years of service to the Commission.

The group discussed the recently released report “Carsey Perspectives: New Hampshire's Electricity Future” from the UNH Carsey School of Public Policy. Bill Baber provided an overview and key findings, having been involved in the creation of the report.

7. Call for Agenda Items

8. Adjourn

Walter King moved to adjourn. Chris Keeley seconded. Vote: U/A. Meeting adjourned: 6:30 pm.