



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **2nd Floor Conference Room – City Hall, 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Members present: Chair Walter King, Vice Chair William Baber, Michael Behrmann, Julie Fournier, Zak Koehler, Lisa Logel (Alternate), Walter Milliken (Alternate), Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison), Rob Weir

Members absent: Otis Perry

Others present: Elena Piekut, Staff Liaison and Assistant City Planner; Bill Simons, Parking Manager; Beck Ohler, Climate and Energy Program Manager, NH Department of Environmental Services

2. Citizen's Forum

None present.

Chair Walter King acknowledged that at the previous meeting resident Susan Smith spoke about the Sierra Club Ready for 100 campaign and asked about progress. Bill Baber said that the Commission asked her to connect them with the employees in Concord and Portsmouth who have pursued the commitment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2018

Mike Behrmann moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018 as written. Zak Koehler seconded.
Vote: U/A

4. Staff Updates

A. Dover High School Solar Array Request for Proposals

Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut provided an update on the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to install solar on the roof of the new Dover High School. She explained that the due date for proposals was extended slightly in order to give respondents time to consider an answer to a question that came in late. Proposals are now due May 23 and interviews will be held May 31. She said two Energy Commission members may participate on the review committee. Bill Baber suggested Mike Behrmann participate and Mr. Behrmann agreed to do so. Walter Milliken also volunteered to be on the committee. Chair Walter King asked Bill Baber if he could serve as a backup if Mr. Behrmann or Mr. Milliken could not participate and he agreed.

B. UNH Sustainability Fellowship

Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut provided an update on the fellowship, Measuring Municipal Carbon & Nitrogen Footprints. She said that the fellow will begin June 4 and work for 10 or 11 weeks, with a final presentation made to the Commission and City Council at the end of the project.



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C. Local Energy Solutions Webinar

Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut told the Commission that she and Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter, who leads the City's Master Planning efforts, presented along with the City of Claremont a webinar on Master Planning and Energy, through the Local Energy Solutions Workgroup. She believes the webinar will be available online.

5. Old Business

Vice Chair Bill Baber brought up again the idea of creating a subcommittee tasked with maintaining data to update the annual report on an annual basis. Julie Fournier and Rob Weir agreed to form this subcommittee and present a concept of how they would undertake this work during an agenda item at the next meeting.

6. New Business/Other Business

A. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Bill Simons, Dover Parking Manager; Becky Ohler, Climate and Energy Program Manager, NH Department of Environmental Services

Becky Ohler, a Dover resident and Climate and Energy Program Manager with the Air Resources Division of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), introduced herself and her programs. She provided a presentation on the draft NH Beneficiary Environmental Mitigation Plan, which utilizes funds allocated to the state as a result of a settlement between the Department of Justice and Volkswagen. Volkswagen was found to have intentionally violated the clean air act with some of its diesel engines. New Hampshire has been allocated \$30.9 million in a Mitigation Trust to mitigate excess nitrogen oxide emissions. The group discussed the opportunities available to utilize funding and recommended ways for NHDES to administer the funds. Ms. Ohler explained that public comments are being accepted by the Office of Strategic Initiatives through June 5, 2018.

Bill Simons, Parking Manager, provided an overview of the City's acquisition of four electrical vehicle chargers (two for Tesla vehicles, two universal) that are now operational in the public parking garage on Orchard Street. He said they were largely funded by Tesla's donation. He said that it currently costs six dollar for a four-hour, or full, charge. The group discussed other available technologies, locations, fees structures, and future plans.

7. Member Comments

Walter King asked whether the City is planning any requests for funding from the Mitigation Trust. Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut was not aware of any plans. Councilor Thibodeaux noted that the City contracts with a private school bus company and that operating its own bus fleet instead may provide an opportunity to save and to take advantage of the funding. Bill Baber asked Elena Piekut to share the Mitigation Trust document and presentation with Community Services Director John Storer and offer to discuss opportunities with him.

Councilor Thibodeaux told the group that there may be a project coming up that will require their assistance.



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8. Call for Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjourn

Walter King moved to adjourn. Rob Weir seconded. Vote: U/A.