



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **2nd Floor Conference Room – City Hall, 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Members present: Chair Walter King, Mike Behrmann, Julie Fournier, Zak Koehler, Otis Perry, Rob Weir, Walter Milliken (Alternate), Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison).

Members absent: Vice Chair Bill Baber, Lisa Logel (Alternate)

Others present: Elena Piekut, Staff Liaison and Assistant City Planner; Jackson Kaspari, UNH Sustainability Fellow; Stephen Weglarz, Durham Energy Committee and Advanced Building Analytics, LLC.

2. Citizen's Forum

None.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2018

Zak Koehler moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018 as written. Otis Perry seconded.
Vote: U/A.

4. Staff Updates

A. Dover High School Solar Array & Children's Museum/Indoor Pool Solar Array

Elena Piekut provided a brief update that City staff is nearing an executed power purchase agreement (PPA) with Revision Energy for these two projects, pending finalization of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) figure. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of a PILOT, assessment of solar arrays, and the possibility of adopting the Renewable Energy Property Tax Exemption as enabled by NH RSA 72:61-72. The group decided to discuss this further at the next regular meeting.

B. Measuring Carbon and Nitrogen Footprints – Update from 2018 Sustainability Fellow Jackson Kaspari

Jackson Kaspari led the group through the findings and recommendations contained in his Greenhouse Gas and Nitrogen Inventory Report of Municipal and School Operations, the final deliverable of the summer fellowship project. The report will be finalized and publicized by staff. The group provided additional suggestions and feedback, and discussed the importance of continued data collection and import to the Portfolio Manager and SIMAP platforms. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of automating the process with a script, and involving the Information Technology Department to facilitate this.

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5. Old Business

A. Master Plan Actions – Elena Piekut

Elena Piekut referred to the list of Master Plan actions that were identified as responsibilities of the Energy Commission and asked the group to consider which action they may want to take on in the near future, particularly an education or outreach type of action. She added the suggestion that there is a need to publicize the availability of the new electric vehicle charging stations in the public parking garage. The group agreed to discuss further at the next regular meeting. Chair Walter King asked Ms. Piekut to email the list of actions to the Commission.

B. Sierra Club Ready for 100 Campaign – Discussion

Chair Walter King led the Commission in a discussion of how to address requests from the Sierra Club that Dover join the Ready for 100 Campaign to transition to 100% renewable energy sources. Discussion focused on how to learn more about the experiences of other municipalities, particularly Concord, NH and Burlington, VT. The group agreed to reach out to contacts in Concord and Burlington to start a conversation.

6. New Business/Other Business

A. Energy Code – Stephen Weglarz, Durham Energy Committee

Stephen Weglarz, of the Durham Energy Committee and Advanced Building Analysis, asked the Energy Commission to ensure that code enforcement staff are enforcing the 2009 IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) by conducting duct leakage and air infiltration testing. He said only a few municipalities around the state enforce it. Discussion ensued regarding tests members had experienced in their own homes and the increases in cost versus efficiency savings. Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut said she would inquire with the Building Official about the topic.

7. Member Comments

None.

8. Call for Agenda Items

As described above.

9. Adjourn

Zak Koehler moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Walter Milliken seconded. Vote: U/A.