



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Room 305 – McConnell Center, 61 Locust St.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

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

Members absent: Chair Walter King

Others present: Elena Piekut, Staff Liaison and Assistant City Planner

2. Citizen's Forum

None.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2018

Otis Perry moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018 as written. Zak Koehler 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 the High School project is now in the hands of the School District and the Indoor Pool project is in the hands of Community Services. The school project remains on track to be completed in 2018. She said she has asked for an update from Community Services on the pool and museum project and Bill Baber asked her to pass it on when it is received.

B. Measuring Carbon and Nitrogen Footprints

Elena Piekut provided a brief update that the final report will be released along with a press release announcing its availability. Councilor Deb Thibodeaux suggested that Jackson Kaspari give a final presentation to the Council so that they are able to ask questions after reviewing the final document, and Bill Baber suggested the same for the Energy Commission. Piekut said that Kaspari has also presented on the project to the New Hampshire Joint Engineering Societies along with Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter, who discussed climate adaptation master planning. She plans to seek other opportunities for conference presentations. Mike Behrmann suggested the New Hampshire Municipal Association conference.



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C. City of Lebanon Efforts

Elena Piekut explained that she has been spoken with the City of Lebanon’s Energy & Facilities Manager about their efforts to pioneer use of NH RSA 53-E, Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities and Counties, and to work to update related legislation. Discussion ensued regarding municipal utilities, municipal aggregation, the need to learn about the law, and the Commission’s options for advocating to the legislature.

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 described how most members had provided priority rankings of the items in each chapter. Discussion ensued regarding how to further establish priorities. Discussion centered around action item #13 from the Stewardship of Resource Chapter: “Implement the use of tools that improve analysis and reporting of data gathered from energy audits and assessments for all municipal buildings, operations, and vehicles.” The group discussed which staff departments could assist in planning for this and ultimately decided they may want to advocate for the creation of a new position focused on energy, facilities, and/or sustainability efforts. Bill Baber suggested connecting with other communities with these types of positions to learn how they have been structured. Piekut will look into inviting some guests from other communities.

B. Sierra Club Ready for 100 Campaign – Discussion

The group discussed their readiness to sign onto this campaign and how to approach it if so. Positions were mixed regarding the importance of setting a goal versus just doing the work toward it, the question of an affiliation with an outside organization, and the seriousness of setting such an aspirational goal.

6. New Business

A. 2018 Local Energy Solutions Conference

Bill Baber reminded the Commission that the City can reimburse the cost of attendance and encouraged members to register through Elena.

7. Member Comments

The group agreed to reschedule the November meeting to Wednesday, the 14th.



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Bill Baber noted that the Commission has sent a letter of thanks to the Mayor for her support of the SB 446 override, which narrowly failed in the house. He suggested working with the other communities, some of whose support she garnered in her efforts, on the next bill.

8. Call for Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjourn

Otis Perry moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Julie Fournier seconded. Vote: U/A.