



**CITY OF DOVER**

## ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**  
Meeting Location: **Room 305 – McConnell Center, 61 Locust St.**  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**  
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

### 1. Welcome

Members present: Chair Walter King, Vice Chair Bill Baber, Mike Behrmann, Zak Koehler, Rob Weir, Lisa Dill (Alternate), Walter Milliken (Alternate), Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison)

Members absent: Julie Fournier, Otis Perry.

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

### 2. Citizen's Forum

None.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2018

Mike Behrmann moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 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**

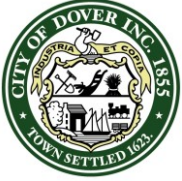
Elena Piekut provided a brief update that both projects are progressing and expected to be completed in 2018. Bill Baber said he heard that there has been a delay with the high school project. Zak Koehler will inquire with the rest of the School Board/Joint Building Committee.

#### **B. Measuring Carbon and Nitrogen Footprints**

Elena Piekut said that the final report for this project will be released soon.

#### **C. NH 100% Renewable Energy Municipal Gathering**

Elena Piekut reported on the event that she attended at Dartmouth College on November 2, which was hosted by Sustainable Hanover and the Upper Valley chapter of the Sierra Club. She said it was focused on how to achieve 100% renewable energy sources for the community by 2050 and included presentations by consultant 3 Degrees of Portland, Oregon and the NH Sustainable Energy Association. She noted that one of the concepts shared by 3 Degrees was that of virtual power purchase agreements. Discussion ensued on VPPAs, as well as micro grids and the difficulty of measuring a community's existing, nonrenewable fuel use. Mike Behrmann said he learned about Copenhagen's approach to measurement on a recent trip to Denmark and will look for more information to share.



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### **D. 2018 Local Energy Solutions Conference**

Elena Piekut reported that she will attend the conference and is presenting on the role that master planning, zoning ordinances, and site review regulations can play in a municipality's transition to clean energy infrastructure such as distributed solar electricity generation and electric vehicle charging. The group discussed which members would be in attendance.

### **5. Old Business**

#### **A. Master Plan Actions – Discussion**

Bill Baber led discussion on the priority action previously identified by the group, which is to advocate for creating a staff position dedicated to energy matters. Elena Piekut shared information on related, existing positions in other municipalities in New Hampshire and Maine. The group discussed the possibility of a regional effort. Mike Behrmann suggested that there could be an Energy Improvement Plan, similar to a Capital Improvements Program. Zak Koehler felt that though he wants to explore a regional effort, he thinks Dover should take the lead and establish a position. The group discussed their work plan to propose this position and Bill Baber, Zak Koehler, and Mike Behrmann made a plan to work on this effort prior to the next meeting.

#### **B. 100% Renewable Energy Goals – Discussion**

Discussion on this topic occurred throughout the meeting.

### **6. Other Business**

Mike Behrmann would like to work on goal setting at the next meeting. The group agreed.

### **7. Member Comments**

Zak Koehler suggested the Commission send a letter to newly elected legislators. Discussion ensued regarding legislative advocacy and possibly inviting representatives to attend a meeting. The group decided to discuss legislative updates at the January meeting.

The Commission decided to reschedule the December meeting to December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **8. Call for Agenda Items**

None.

### **9. Adjourn**

Zak Koehler moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Rob Weir seconded. Vote: U/A.