



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Council 2nd Floor Conference Room & Chambers,
City Hall – 288 Central Ave.**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, August 19, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

Chair Bill Baber called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Members Present: Chair Bill Baber, Vice Chair Otis Perry, Walter King, Mike Behrmann, Zak Koehler, Susan Smith, Barrett Miles (Alternate)

Members Absent (Excused): Vincent Lyon (Alternate), Deborah Thibodeaux (Council Liaison)

Members Absent (Unexcused): Becky Ohler (Alternate)

2. Citizen's Forum

None.

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2020

Otis Perry moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2020 as written. Seconded by Zak Koehler.
Vote: U/A

4. Staff Updates

A. Request for Proposals – Solar Power Purchase Agreement – Interviews September 10

Elena Piekut provided an update that the request for proposals (RFP) was released, with a pre-bid meeting to be held Monday and proposals due September 3rd. Interviews will be scheduled for September 9th. The group discussed how interested members can participate and discussed noticing the interview session as an Energy Commission meeting so that as many members as are interested will attend. Elena will be following up.

B. City Facilities' Solar Electricity Generation Update

Elena Piekut reported solar generation figures as of noon today.

12:00 pm, 8/19/2020	Children's Museum/Indoor Pool	Dover High School
Current Power	70.35 kW	652.96 kW
Energy Today	186.7 kWh	1.84 MWh
Energy This Month	7.85 MWh	81.23 MWh
Lifetime Energy	129.16 MWh	951.42 MWh

Her next task is to add these links to the website and speak with Media Services about including an update in the Dover Download. The group discussed adding consumption monitoring to the requirements for new solar installations. Mike Behrmann addressed calculating savings from the existing systems, and Zak Koehler and Elena will work on obtaining bill information.



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C. Updating the Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter of the Master Plan

Elena Piekut and Otis Perry provided a brief update on master planning progress. Walter King noted that EPA Portfolio Manager data could be useful to this effort.

5. Old Business

A. Goal: Sustainability Committee

Bill Baber reviewed the history and context of the effort to create a distinct group to address sustainability in Dover and present a draft letter to the City Council recommending the creation of a select committee to initiate this. He said the goal is to bring focus and action to the City's established vision. **Motion:** Otis Perry moved to adopt Bill's sentiments and forward his letter to the City Council. Zak Koehler seconded. Walter King was concerned that the goals are so broad, and that the next group of people to consider it will run into the same problem. Bill Baber explained that it is a request for a formal start to the conversation, which the Energy Commission has engaged in but which has been a distraction from the concrete work they can do. Further discussion ensued regarding the Commission's role with regard to sustainability and clarity around goals. Otis Perry expressed concern about withdrawing his motion and allowing time for revision. Bill Baber asked that the group not delay further, and asked to make the revisions discussed and move forward. Otis Perry agreed to amend his motion to include asking Bill to edit his letter as discussed. Zak Koehler seconded. **Vote:** U/A

B. Goal: Updating Energy Report

Bill Baber noted congratulations to member Vincent Lyon, who recently welcomed Baby Avery. We will look forward to discussing this project when he returns. Bill also noted that we should be recording our accomplishments in addition to reporting to the Council each year. He asked the Commission to think of who could be brought in as a guest.

C. Follow Up – Community Power

The group decided to take Henry Herndon of Clean Energy NH up on his offer to visit again to discuss what the organization provides, now that Dover is a member. Elena Piekut will coordinate with Henry.

Mike Behrmann said the Community Power Roundtable hosted by Nashua was a very good conversation. Otis Perry said he felt he'd rather Dover not be a leader on this, but see how the other communities trying it first do.

6. New Business

None.



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7. Other Business / Member Comments

Bill Baber asked Mike Behrmann to speak about current developments with offshore wind energy and Mike described the formation of the State commission on offshore wind, of which he is a member. He said that NH could easily provide for all its power through wind, and that the role of the Port of New Hampshire is a big piece of the opportunity.

8. Call for Agenda Items

- A. Electric vehicle infrastructure update from Becky Ohler
- B. Clean Energy NH Membership – Henry Herndon
- C. Reporting on recommendations and accomplishments

9. Adjourn

Otis Perry moved to adjourn. Zak Koehler seconded. **Vote:** U/A.