

CONCORD Energy and Environment Committee

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall

Minutes

In Attendance: Charles Willing, Evan Mullholland, Rich Maher, Dave Brown, Kelsey Sullivan, Dot Currier, Cathy Kilday, Zach Jonas, Rob Werner, and Donna Reardon

7:05 p.m.: Rob calls the meeting to order. Introductions made.

1. Discussion of draft solar ordinance outline:

Chuck led the group through the basic idea of the solar ordinance outline. Friday, he and Rich will meet with the City Solicitor for input. The proposal will be on the agenda for the next Planning Board meeting, Sept. 19. If Planning approves, the ordinance will go to Council for a vote potentially at the October Council meeting. Rob will reach out to Conservation Committee to discuss ordinance at next Cons. Comm. meeting.

2. Ad hoc working group structure

Zach's proposal for four working groups was discussed and adopted. See appendix. Discussion ensued regarding the makeup of the working groups and how more people need to be recruited to become involved. At each monthly meeting of the CEEC, each working group will report as to its activities.

3. Stakeholder group

A brainstorming session was undertaken to identify likely potential members of the stakeholder group. The stakeholder group will meet in December 2018 and two additional time in 2019 to inform and comment on the strategic plan. The strategic plan is scheduled to be presented to the City Council in July 2019. Invitations to join the stakeholder committee will be transmitted in September

4. Public information sessions on the strategic plan

Approximately three public info sessions will be held in Spring 2019, along with one session focused on businesses.

5. Veto Override

A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Dave, for the CEEC to endorse the override of the governor's veto of SB 446 and SB 365. The motion passed unanimously. The override vote is set for Sept. 13. It was agreed to ask Deb to draft a letter.

6. New Business

Rob informed the group of several upcoming programs, including a Green Building tour at Audubon (October 4), a program entitled Accelerating Solar Energy in the Disinformation Age (Oct 10 at 7:00 pm at Audubon). In October there will be a municipal a roundtable on renewable energy initiatives in Hanover at Dartmouth, the most likely date being October 5th in Hanover.

Rob will attend the 3rd annual North American Dialogue on 100% Renewable Energy in Cities conference in San Francisco on September 14th and will represent Concord. Rob is checking with city administration to inquire if another staff member is able to attend the conference.

Evan informed the group of the existence of the ISO – NE CLG (Consumers Liaison Group). Next free public quarterly meeting is Sept. 20 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Hartford, CT Bradley Airport at noon. It will include a Panel Discussion on the “Electrification of the Heating Sector” and a presentation from ISO New England

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Appendix:

List of Subcommittees and Assigned Roles:

Leadership and Strategic planning committee

This subcommittee is tasked with maintaining internal organizing structures for the committee, making sure that the various subcommittees and the committee as a whole continue to meet regularly. It is also tasked with developing and maintaining long term goals and plans for achieving them for the entire committee. Finally, this committee will also develop the Ready for 100 Strategic Plan.

Chair: Rob Werner

Secretary:

Members: Zach, Rich, Evan, Chuck

Organizing/recruitment/communications committee

This subcommittee will help to recruit and retain new members. It is also responsible for communicating with the Concord community at large, including but not limited to: organizing the Stakeholder committee, planning public input sessions, putting on events where necessary and developing relationships with the press.

Chair:

Secretary:

Members: Zach, Dave, Kathy, Donna, Dot

Renewable projects/ordinances committee

This subcommittee is tasked with helping to site and develop specific renewable energy projects in the city, especially on city property. It is also tasked with drafting ordinances, resolutions or other city policies that directly relate to the development of renewable energy sources within the city of Concord.

Chair:

Secretary:

Members: Kelsey, Chuck, Rich

Energy Efficiency/water projects committee

This subcommittee is tasked with helping all new developments and construction projects within the city of Concord maximize their energy efficiency, and for drafting ordinances, resolutions or other city policies that directly relate to energy efficiency efforts. Additionally, this committee will handle projects related to the pricing or conservation of water within the city.

Chair:

Secretary:

Members:

Clean Transportation committee

This subcommittee is tasked with helping the city and community of Concord to move towards clean transportation options, and for drafting ordinances, resolutions or other city policies that directly relate to clean transportation.

Chair:

Secretary:

Members: Randy, Evan

