

CONCORD Energy and Environment Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 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, Jen Galbraith, and Brian Buckley. Deb Bruss attended by telephone.

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

1. After several corrections were made by Rob Werner, Zach moved to accept the minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Rich. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Ad Hoc Working Groups

Discussion ensued regarding the makeup of the working groups. Each working group will convene as soon as possible and will report back at the next CEEC meeting.

3. Solar Ordinance Process.

Chuck informed the group of the progress of the draft ordinance. A joint City Staff and CEEC meeting will be held during the week of Sept. 17 on this topic. Once drafted by the CEEC, the ordinance would go to the Planning Board for review, then to the City Council for a vote at the December meeting. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide clarity and predictability to those seeking to install solar. A public meeting will be held in October to discuss the benefits of the ordinance.

4. Municipal Property Energy Initiatives Ad Hoc Committee

The next meeting of this Ad Hoc Committee will be Sept. 17 at noon, in the second floor conference room at City Hall. The Committee would like to hear from solar developers regarding the landfill solar project.

5. Stakeholder Committee Outreach

Rob informed the group that the Chamber would very much like to be part of the Stakeholder Committee and may seek to have a representative on the CEEC.

6. Other business.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Wednesday Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. Rich and others will likely attend.

Rob will be in San Francisco for a climate conference. The CEEC looks forward to hearing what was discussed and what ideas for municipalities could be implemented here.

Deb was asked to draft a letter to Concord's delegation requesting that they support the veto override for the net metering and biomass bills.

On Rich's motion, seconded by Rob, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.