

CONCORD ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday December 5, 2018

7:00pm

City Hall, Concord, NH

Minutes

Attendance: Zach Jonas, Dot Currier, Dave Brown, Sam Durfee (Planning), Henry Herndon, Rich Maher, Councilwoman Linda Kennison, Chuck Willing, Jerry Eaton, Kelsey Sullivan, Ridgely Mauck, Brian Buckley, Jennifer Galbraith, Cathy Kilday

Zach opens meeting 7:03.

Zach will investigate CEEC listserv, making sure Henry and Dave are on the appropriate lists to receive emails. **Due: Friday December 7.**

Jerry Motions to approve minutes from November meeting. Linda Seconds. Approved.

Solar Ordinance Update (Rich and Chuck)

- Amendments to zoning ordinance to clarify solar siting
- Two public forums
- Planning Division drafted proposal, floated to Conservation Commission
- Options for assessing solar:
 - Option 1: As proposed, “land coverage” defines lot coverage differently for solar, would include perimeter of area containing ground-mounted solar (highest percentage of “land coverage”).
 - Other Options: Alternative definition could be to count the area of the footings (smallest % of “land coverage”), or the area of the panels (moderate % of “land coverage”).
 - Likely to remain option 1, but allowed coverage may increase from proposed 30%.
- Chuck will communicate CEEC perspective to Planning
- Public comments approx. 4:1 in favor of facilitating greater solar development.
- Sam
 - Con Com directives as a committee under master plan is “preservation of prime agricultural soil” and “preservation of rural character,” which makes it difficult for Con Com to support solar in the RO district.
 - Limiting factor is acreage, not generation capacity.
 - Concern about developers taking prime solar sites to sell into the grid, rather than developing solar at a pace that allows for municipal aggregation and for the generation to serve the City.
 - Considering community solar ordinance.

Chuck Motions for CEEC to accept “Feedback from CEEC on the Planning Division’s Initial Draft of Proposed Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance To Address Solar Collection Systems” document. Rich Seconds. Approved.

Rich Motions to grant Rob, Rich, and Chuck authority to represent the interests of the CEEC in engagements with City Staff and others in matters regarding the solar ordinance, city energy policy, and other issues. Chuck Seconds. Approved.

Update on Municipal Properties RFP (Linda & Sam)

- City looking at 3 properties (water treatment, Hall Street, Landfill) for solar development.
- In the process of obtaining a quote from Beth Greenblatt to develop an RPFHenry will send RFP templates and examples to Beth Fenstermacher. **Due: Friday December 7**

Jennifer Motions to grant various “areas of work” authority to represent the interests of the CEEC in engagements with City Staff and others in matters relative to their areas of work. Chuck seconds. Approved.

Energy Efficiency & Waterworks Area of Work (Jennifer)

- No updates.

Transportation Area of Work (Rich)

- Obtaining inventory, exploring total cost of operation vs. purchase price with City Staff.
- Sam’s area of focus includes transportation, exploring bike share projects.
- Henry and Sam agree to be kept “in the loop” on “transportation area of work”

Organization, Recruitment, Communications Area of Work (Zach)

- Sam and Zach will set meeting to discuss Right to Know compliance. **Due Friday December 7.**
- Stakeholder outreach for “Stakeholder Committee” has begun and will continue.

Leadership & Strategic Planning Area of Work (Chuck)

- Drafting outline of a strategic plan that will be presented to Stakeholder Committee for review and feedback.
- Sam will bring Draft to Planning for feedback. **Feedback due: Before January 2nd.**
- CEEC members will read Draft.
- Meeting Tuesday 8am, Rath, Young.

New Business

- Cathy will touch base with Rob about High School Environment Committee. **Due: Friday, December 7.**
- Linda will look up group of “young people for change” and engage. **Due: Friday, December 7.**
- UNH Internship Support
 - Jessica Forest, UNH Graduate Student, agreed to be intern for first half of 2019.

- Jerry attending conference Friday sponsored by Fish & Game and UNH Cooperative Extension, “Actions for wildlife in a changing climate.” Will report back.

Linda Motions Adjourn. Rich Seconds. Approved.

Next Meeting: January 2, 2017, 7:00.