

# CONCORD ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday February 6, 2019

7:00pm

City Hall, Concord, NH

## Minutes

**Attendance:** Councilor Rob Werner, Zach Jonas, Dot Currier, Sam Durfee (Planning), Henry Herndon, Rich Maher, Jerry Eaton, Jessica Forrest, Chuck Willing, Kelsey Sullivan, Matthew Schwatz, Councilor Linda Kenison, Jennifer Galbraith, Donna Reardon, Brian Buckley, Hannah Smith, Carl Cooley, Cathy Kilday

7:04 – Rob opens the meeting

*Councilor Kenison motions to approve minutes. Zach seconds. Unanimously approved.*

### **Solar Ordinance Status**

- Planning Board hears draft ordinance on Wednesday, Feb 20, 7:00pm.
- Noticed in March for the April City Council meeting.
- No major adjustments since last review.

*Zach motions that CEEC empower Jennifer and Chuck to make statement at Planning Board Hearing on Draft Solar Zoning Ordinance on behalf of CEEC. Henry seconds. Unanimously approved.*

### **Municipal Properties Initiative Update**

- Item on February City Council agenda authorizing funds for consultant to write RFP for solar procurement.
- CEEC will have opportunity to review RFP pre-release.

### **Strategic Plan/Stakeholder Input**

- First Stakeholder Committee meeting held mid-January. Positive feedback received.
- Next steps:
  - Each Task Group will complete initial drafting of assigned sections. **DUE: February 21<sup>st</sup>.**
  - Full draft of sections complete by March CEEC meeting. **DUE: March 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - March CEEC meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Send draft Strategic Plan to Stakeholder Committee. **DUE: March 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Second Stakeholder Meeting: March 27
  - Reformat:
    - Open as full group. Introductory remarks. Agenda. Etc.
    - Break into five? stations (efficiency, electricity, transportation, thermal, catchall) staffed by two members each from Task Groups / Chapters (one

note taker and one facilitator). Rotate members through stations, shuffling groups with each rotation.

- Closing remarks.
- Zach, Henry, Dot, Kelsey, Jessica and others will finalize agenda/format/facilitation and consider key questions, topics, issues, etc. to address offline. **Group will draft agenda and instructions for each Task Group on facilitating breakout groups. DUE: March 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Need microphone! Sam can provide.
- Other stakeholders to reach out to?
  - Healthcare industry, hospital, care facilities, NH Public Health Association, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Concord Orthopedics, Medical Society, Havenwood, etc.
  - Renters and housing industry.
  - CATCH.
  - ORIS.
  - In Town Concord (Mike Schowalter on the Board).
  - Conservation Commission.
  - Concord Young Professionals Network.
  - School Board. Superintendents.
  - Rotary Club.
- CEEC has received suggestions to host more public input sessions. Will host all in either April, May, or June.
  - 1) Business Roundtable with Chamber.
  - 2) Sam will ask City about potentially taking the lead on one?
  - 3), 4) CEEC takes the lead
  - Alternatives:
    - Website. **Jessica and Zach will explore further. Due: February 15<sup>th</sup>.**
    - Presence at Market Days, Earth Day event, farmer's market, road races, and other public events.
    - Library page.
    - Zach and Dot will create materials and calendar. **Due: February 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Jerry will draft Letter to Editor or Op-Ed or My Turn. Due: March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Councilor Kennison motions CEEC delegate authority to plan organization and facilitation of public input sessions and stakeholder committees to Public Engagement Task Group (Zach, Dot, Henry, Kathy, Donna, Kelsey, Jessica, Jennifer). Chuck seconds. Unanimously approved.*

## **Working Group Reports**

Jerry and Boyd Smith are exploring solar at wells at Community Gardens off of Clinton Street on Birch Road and will continue to do so.

## **State Legislative Policy**

*Chuck motions the CEEC make a recommendation to the City administration to support legislation to raise the net metering project cap size from 1 megawatt to 5 megawatts, such as HB365, SB159, and SB13 as introduced. Rob seconds. Unanimously approved.*

*Zach motions the CEEC make a recommendation to the City administration to support legislation increase funding for energy efficiency, such as HB582 as introduced. Rob seconds. Unanimously approved.*

*Rich motions the CEEC make a recommendation to the City administration to support legislation that enhances the city's ability to implement municipal energy aggregation, such as SB286. Jerry Seconds. Unanimously approved.*

**Announcements**

- Reinventing Power screening, next Wednesday 13th at Red River Theater. Reception 5pm at Hotel Concord, film at 6pm.
- Canterbury interested in solarize campaign and interested in collaborating with Concord.
- 100% Renewable Energy event for NH municipalities in June in Concord? Rob and Henry will discuss with Ally.

*Zach motions to adjourn. Rob seconded. Unanimously approved.*