

**CITY OF CONCORD
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2019**

The Concord Energy and Environment Advisory Committee met at 7:00 p.m., on June 5, 2019, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Councilor Linda Kennison, Jerry Eaton, Jennifer Galbraith, Henry Herndon, Chuck Willing, Rich Maher

Absent: Dave Brown, Deb Bruss, Zach Jonas, Councilor Rob Werner

Staff: Sam Durfee (Planning)

Guest(s): Dot Currier, Jessica Forrest

Welcome and Introductions

Linda opens meeting at 7:01.

NOTE: By council resolution, the appropriate acronym for this committee is EEAC (Energy and Environment Advisory Committee), not CEEC (Concord Energy and Environment Committee).

Solar Ordinance Status

- June 10th City Council hearing, 7pm
- EEAC testimony – Rich Maher
 - April meeting EEAC voted to propose amendment that would remove 25-acre cap on project size, or eliminate cap altogether.
 - Under current language, if you have 50-acre parcel, you can have 25-acre solar install (50% of parcel); if you have 250-acre parcel, you can still only have 25-acre solar install (10% of parcel).
 - Some sentiment on Council that 25-acre cap is too restrictive.
 - Rural areas, 40% land coverage allowed for regular projects, 50% for community solar projects.

Municipal Properties

- Solar RFP Status/Timeline
- HB 365 (Net Metering)
 - Governor Sununu vetoed HB365; City waiting on result of override vote to know whether solar project will be viable.

Strategic Plan/Stakeholder/Public Comment Update

- Strategic Plan Chapter Status
 - Revisions and editing continuing; much improved; not final; still needs work.

- Draft to be presented to City Council in July; likely to be referred to City Administration for review before approval; Staff likely to review prior to public hearing.
- EEAC may recommend some short-term priorities (e.g., energy audits) prior to final plan approval (has not been an energy audit of City buildings/facilities since 2011).
- June 11th, 3rd and final Stakeholder Meeting
 - 2 hours scheduled
 - Kelsey leading the meeting
 - Welcome
 - Recap of process
 - Open for feedback on plan; open forum
 - “Looking Forward”
 - Acknowledgements page of Strategic Plan will recognize stakeholders for contributing input and expertise.
 - Can EEAC get commitments from major institutions to also commit to 100% renewable energy (e.g., St. Paul’s, NHTI, hospital)? Longer term idea.

Market Days

- Thursday, June 20th – Saturday, June 22nd
- EEAC tent/themes – Jessica Forrest leading
 - Meeting June 7th, 4pm at True Brew to finalize plans
 - Two 8x4 posters
- Coverage Schedule

New Hampshire Ready for 100 Gathering

- Friday June 21st (overlaps with Market Days)
- Location: Local Government Center, D’Amante Drive, Concord
- EEAC roles (10:15-10:45am) – Welcome, Concord 100% status (Rob and Kelsey to lead)
 - Process
 - Plan
 - Recommendations

New Business

Chuck motions to approve minutes from previous meeting. Linda seconds. Unanimously approved.

- Chamber of Commerce putting on Forum on Energy 7:30-9:00am Thursday June 13. Panel on energy: CEO of Eversource, Mike Licata of Liberty, Chuck Willing on behalf of EEAC. Holiday Inn.
- Chuck meeting with Ray Burke of NH Legal Assistance to talk about low income aspects of energy planning.

- Sam had a call with CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project), largest environmental reporting project in the world, hundreds/thousands of cities, companies, etc. Have many tools for benchmarking. Free questionnaire open until July 10th.

Jerry motions to adjourn. Rich seconds.