

CITY OF CONCORD
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

The Concord Energy and Environment Advisory Committee met virtually via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2020.

Attendees: City Councilor Rob Werner, Carl Cooley, Chuck Willing, Dot Currier, Jennifer Galbraith, Kelsey Sullivan, Jerry Eaton, Jessica Forrest, Nick Babladelis

Absent: Matthew Thorne, Henry Herndon, City Councilor Meredith Hatfield

Staff: Sam Durfee

Guest(s): None.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chuck moves to accept August EEAC minutes. Nick seconds. Unanimously Approved.

I. Municipal Properties Update

- Rob spoke recently with Dan Weeks of Revision Energy.
- The project is proceeding, ultimately will need to go before Planning Board.
- Targeting possible October Planning Board meeting.

II. Concord Crossing Development Update (Exit 17)

- Rob followed up with Laurie and David Rauseo to connect them with Dana Nute of Resilient Buildings Group to discuss possibly implementing sustainability features at Exit 17 development.
- Rob will follow up with the Rauseos to continue the discussion.
- Sam reports that the development team presented plans to Planning Board recently; the Planning Board found there was much room for improvement in the designs.
- Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) District Amendment is a very important factor for the proposed development—project falls outside of Penacook TIF District. (Amendment would expand the District to include the development). Residents could have opportunity to submit testimony about proposed amendment.
- Developers will need Site Plan Approval, and likely a Conditional Use Permit.
- EEAC has option of issuing a policy recommendation—something that would be applied to all projects.
- Rob moves to establish a working group to look at TPAC’s model policy documents and emulate for the EEAC.
 - *Jerry seconds*
 - *motion passes*
 - Kelsey, Jerry, Chuck, and Nick express interest in participating in the working group

III. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

- Big thanks to Amina Grant, who accomplished an incredible amount in a short time.
- Inventory is not yet on City's website. City's Public Information Officer is on PTO.
- Rob to look into promoting the Inventory through local media outlets (Concord Monitor, NHPR).
- Press release and Inventory could be made public concurrently.
- City Council had a very positive reaction to Amina's presentation of the Inventory.
- Inventory also lends urgency to pursuing weatherization, thermal, renewables, according to the 100% Renewable Strategic Plan.
- Other UNH Sustainability Fellows have completed their reports, they should be available online. EEAC might want to check these out to inform possible future efforts.

IV. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Referral

- Kelsey will follow up this weekend with Meredith and Rob about current status of reaching out to City contacts and next steps (to get financial estimates for adopting various plastic alternatives)

V. New Business

- LES Conference will be held virtually at the end of October this year. It will be a 2-day conference.

Jerry moves to adjourn. Jennifer seconds. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns.