



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 26, 2022 at 7pm

Town Hall, Council Chamber

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ellen Read, Sarah Stinson, Ruth Kane, Bill Raley, Emily Jones, Joe Lamattina, Patrick Reynolds, Julianna Tyson

Excused: Sean Moran,

Guests: Joshua Singer – Program Coordinator – Clean Energy NH

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Public Forum Opened at 7:02 PM, No members of the public spoke.

Public Forum closed at 7:02 PM.

Meeting minutes from September 28, 2022 with minor edit changes were approved.

Motion to accept by Sarah Stinson. Second Patrick Reynolds.

Vote 6-0-2 (not present, chair not voting).

New member Julianna Tyson, Conservation Commission appointee, has joined the committee.

Committee members introduced themselves.

Ellen Read inquired about the status of sponsoring a PSA with the High School Environmental Group related to recycling and composting. Joe Lamattina stated that other than getting school contact information nothing has been done. Ellen then stated that after discussion with other members there is a feeling the committee has too many other tasks going on and suggested this task be postponed until a later time. The group agreed.

The group agreed to move our next meeting to Wednesday Nov. 30th 7PM instead Wednesday November 23, the day before the Thanksgiving Holiday. A formal vote was taken.

Motion to accept by Sarah Stinson,

Second Patrick Reynolds.

Vote 8-0

Ellen Read brought the group up to speed on tasks that are currently in progress. The group is working on multiple tasks that are converging. There is the work required to officially join CPC which requires developing the Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP). While working on the EAP the group found the Newmarket Master Plan to be lacking an “Energy Section”. It was noted the Newmarket Master Plan makes mention of a chapter but none exists, so the group is working on a “Master Energy Plan (MEP) section for the Master Plan. Ellen Read noted that since we are an “advisory committee” we can only make a recommendation on updates to the Master Plan. Patrick Reynolds stated that the Master plan is technically owned by the Planning Board and this group should probably not spend significant effort on developing updates to the Master Plan as it is due for an update in the near future, instead the group should come up with general recommendations. Joe Lamattina suggested we look at what the committee has developed so far, there is probably nothing there that the Planning Board wouldn’t agree with. Ellen Read then stated the third thing we are working on is related to the actual resolution, the development of Resolution Energy Plan (REP).

The group, with facilitation from Joshua Singer, walked thru the proposed updates to the Master Energy Plan (MEP). There are basically two sections in the document, the first contains suggested updates to the introductory “Future Vision” section of the Master Plan and includes an Energy and Environment statement. The second part of the document is the actual suggested new chapter for the Master Plan related to “Energy”. There was discussion and review of the various sections in the chapter, no major issues raised with exception of the last section “Recommendations”. The group agreed this section needs significant reworking and development. Ellen Read suggested creating categories for recommendations such as Procurement, Efficiencies, Incentives, Transportation and so on, then within those make recommendations such as under Procurement we could add items like procuring electricity from sources such as CPC which will procure energy from renewable resources, retrofitting the dam to produce hydro-electric. The group agreed that seemed like a good approach.

There was discussion about potential incentives, tax exemptions for solar are in place now. Patrick Reynolds suggested perhaps we could identify those places that are good for capturing solar energy, the Department of Energy has that information by town and street address. Once the town is involved in purchasing electric power, we could target those locations and create incentives for them to sell the power back to CPC or Newmarket Energy Coalition, making it an economic decision instead of just a clean energy decision.

There was discussion about the November 9Th Community Power Forum. Emily Jones will follow up with Henry Herndon to get the content he plans to present. A number of the committee members will be present.

Next Steps: Josh Singer will place the MEP on Google Docs and send the link to all. Committee members will review the document and add comments.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 30, 2022 – Town Hall – 7PM