



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday Aug. 28, 2024 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ellen Read , Joe Lamattina, Julianna Tyson, Scott McGrath

Excused: Bill Raley, Patrick Reynolds, Rebecca Camire, Glenn Stevens

Guests: Lyndsay Butler Town Engineer, Karrie Diers – Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendance taken, committee does not have a quorum but will continue the meeting with no formal decisions being made.

Public Comment Open at 7:02

Public Comment Closed at 7:02

New member Scott McGrath introduced himself.

Karrie Diers introduced herself, she is assuming the responsibility for development of the Energy Chapter of The Master Plan. She gave an overview of the current status of the overall Master Plan. A workshop is planned for Saturday, September 14th to get public input for several sections of the Master Plan, including the Energy Chapter. Karrie reviewed some of the results of an ongoing public survey, specifically those related to energy.

There was discussion of what the Energy Chapter will contain related to Newmarkets Energy Consumption and a plan to get us to 2030 and 2050 goals. **Action Item: Joe to send Lyndsay a copy of the Resolution approved by the Town Council relating to Sustainable Energy Goals.**

Lyndsay gave the committee an overview of a recent "Request For Qualifications" the town submitted related to Solar Energy. Lyndsay stated initially they are looking for "qualified firms" that can help Newmarket develop recommendations and plans for some initial/small solar installations. At this point, Newmarket has selected two companies "Revision Energy" and "Citizens Energy Corp". The town has engaged Revision Energy to develop plans for a small solar installation at the current Sewall Well site. Joe to send Scott a copy of the RFQ.

There was a discussion about the committees next steps related to recycling. Joe to see about getting a representative from Casella Waste Management or The Town to provide information on the towns current recycling process and how well it is or is not working. Ellen to see about getting "Blue Sky" to attend our October Meeting to give an overview of what Blue Sky offers,

There was discussion about the Newmarket Community Power "Opt Up To Cleaner Energy" contest and how we can better promote it. Joe to supply Julianna with copies for the most current Community Power flyers, she will reformat into something that can be passed out.

Joe reviewed current Newmarket Community Power statistics.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM