



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday December 05, 2024 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Present:, Joe Lamattina, Bill Raley , Patrick Reynolds

Excused: Ellen Read, Scott MacGrath, Rebecca Camire, Julianna Tyson, George Anderson, Glenn Stevens

Guests: Lyndsay Butler Town Engineer, Kerri Diers Strafford Regional Planning

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

No quorum, no formal decisions would be made.

Public Comment Open at 7:03

Public Comment Closed at 7:03

Kerri gave an overview of the Master Plan Document that is currently being worked on.

Each chapter will utilize the 5 themes Vibrancy, Connectivity, Affordability, Accessibility and Resiliency.

Theme definitions can be modified slightly for Energy Chapter if we deem necessary.

The chapter itself will deal with the overview and goals, the appendix will contain any data that we want to reference.

There was discussion on the Energy Chapter themes and possible goals.

There was discussion about what data might be available, Joe stated he can get information from Community Power related to Community Power Newmarket Accounts. Data from Eversource may take more time. Newmarket Community Power has roughly 70% of the electric accounts in Newmarket.

There was discussion about having a small group work with Kerri over the next few months to complete the master plan chapter.

There was discussion about next steps and how to proceed. It was agreed we would all review both the Implementation Matrix and Energy Chapter Outline, at the next meeting we will walk thru the line items

of the matrix and try to address. When going thru the matrix, does the goal make sense and does it apply for that theme. Is there is something that is missing? Once we get that done we can then address the columns on the right.

There is already a separate chapter planned for Transportation so that should be removed from our chapter with the exception of items related to electric vehicles.

There was discussion about energy audits. Lyndsay stated an audit for town facilities was done a few years back (2018), she will make available to the group.

Newmarket Community Power Update

Joe gave an update on Newmarket Community Power.

As of Nov. 1, 2024

- 5,401 (down from 5,564) total electric accounts in Newmarket.
- 3,794 (down from 3,845) accounts are on Newmarket Community Power.
- 70.2% (up from 69.1%) of electric users are Newmarket Community Power accounts.
- 1,617 (down from 1,719) are not participating in Newmarket Community Power.
- Of the 3,794 accounts, 3,762 (99.2%) are on Granite Basic.
- 32 (0.8%) are on a higher level of clean/renewable energy.
- 181 (up from 172) are Net Meter Accounts.
- As of October 1, (April-September) we have saved Newmarket residents \$48,000 compared to what they would have paid if still with Eversource.. Rate difference April thru July was ½ a cent, effective August almost 2 cents.

Two new developments with Community Power:

- The PUC and DOE have authorized Community Power to be a “Clean/Renewable Energy Aggregator”, what this means is Community Power will have the ability to buy (requisitions) energy from Net Metered accounts. Community Power is in the process of creating a generic contract for Net Metered customers. Program expected to start 2025.
- Community Power is creating a 12 month Rate Plan for “Non Residential” customers (Municipal Facilities, Schools). Plans will run January to December and July thru June of the next year. I’ve started talks with The Town and School. Unfortunately the town has just signed a 2 year contract with a supplier. With the elections and Town/School Budget process happening I’m waiting till these are over before meeting with town officials.

Next meeting Wednesday January 22nd – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM