

Town of Derry, NH

Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Attendees: Maureen Reno, Tom Morini, Marc Flattes, Jim Ricker, Holly Lee Hall Alabachian, Marius Zainea, and Councilor Tom Cardon.

1. Call to Order – Maureen Reno
 - a. Maureen updates the committee on the minutes of December 15th, 2014. These minutes were amended with Holly's corrected phrase, and put up on the web site.
2. Feb 17th Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes from 2/17/15 will be reviewed now as they were just distributed, based on the short interval between last two meetings. Discussion ensues about the addition of Holly's input to the minutes during the meeting of 2/17, specifically that she indicated that was concerned about the Town's expenditure of \$3M for the new Town landfill site facility. Marc cites the chronology of the approval process for the new landfill facility, emphasizing the project is already approved and moving forward. Maureen takes a minute to explain the "Roberts Rules" for meeting procedure and suggests that she may need to more strictly enforce these rules to keep our meetings productive. Tom Cardon suggests that is difficult to record verbatim dialog in meeting minutes, nor is it desired. Tom suggests that Holly submit her version to be appended to the minutes at a later time, but move forward with approving the minutes in front of the committee today. Maureen makes motion to accept minutes. Marc seconds. All in favor with the exception of Holly.
3. Chairman's Report
 - a. Update on town projects: Maureen spoke with Mike Fowler regarding the LED streetlight project. They have fallen behind in this deployment. Many contributing factors cited including weather, etc. Some of the non LED lights that were burned out have been replaced with the same older bulbs for now.
4. Old Business
 - a. SNH Planning Commission had been planning a mid-January workshop to discuss ordinances and rules. This is an overall guide for dealing with utilities and other impacting agencies. Maureen commits to reach out to remain actively engaged in the process.
 - b. Solar Sprint: committee has a desire to nail down the site for this year's event my middle of March. Tom Morini is continuing to work with Tom Minnon to spread the word about this year's event and lock down the location.
 - c. Maureen mentions the LES conference to be held in Concord at the Grappone Center, and she encourages us all to attend if possible. The date is March 21.
 - d. EEAC is moving ahead with Go Green on the rain water barrels seminar at Broadview Farms. Tom Minion may be involved in this effort.

- e. Go Green will host a "cooler, smarter" event. Named after a book with same title. It was published by the Union of Concerned Scientists, and focuses on practical ways to reduce your carbon footprint. A member cites some concern about our committee supporting this as there seems to be some political overtones to the presentation/presenter. Also, the presenter wants to offer copies of the book in exchange for UCS memberships, but signing up for membership is not a requirement to attend this free presentation. Councilor Cardon will ask town officials if this is a conflict.
- f. Maureen reached out to Andy Duncan to gauge interest in doing a button up workshop in the spring. As many are suffering through ice dam season, this could be a very timely event.
- g. Councilor Cardon mentions that Go Green is holding a snowshoe walk this Saturday at Broadview Farm.

5. New Business

- a. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program: Marc introduces the topic of a NH DES grant available for towns to apply. This would greatly assist with the deployment of up to 4 electric vehicle charging stations. It was suggested that good locations would be near the Town Hall, one near the rail trail, and two additional sites. Jim asks about ongoing maintenance. Discussion ensues about various options for other locations. Marc wants this to be a draw to the town for added foot traffic, and favors a couple downtown location. Marius believes these units should be capable of gathering their own metrics regarding use and income that would be collected by the Town. Maureen makes motion for Marc to continue to explore this topic. Second by Jim. Approved.

6. Correspondence

- a. Marc cites written correspondence from Holly in January and February, and committee responses.
- b. Marc also mentions that Representation John O'Connor also sent a slide presentation other document about EVCS. Marc indicates that all correspondence needs to be attached to meeting minutes.

7. Open Discussion

- a. EEAC Presentation to Town Council: Maureen requests we have open discussion about some ideas for goals and objectives for the Town Council Presentation at their next meeting. 1) Help in guiding the bidding selection for the PV / Landfill project, 2) EVCS 3) SNH Planning Commission: continue to work with them on zoning, code, interconnections, etc. Tom Cardon indicated that item 3 should be worked in close cooperation with the planning commission and Maureen indicates a need to reach out to George Sioras as soon as possible on this. Jim mentions the renegotiation of the electric rates by the Town as an important event as well. Discussion includes all members on the topics for Maureen to present to the Town. Ultimately, committee agrees that a vote on this presentation is not necessary. Discussion concludes.

- b. Letter to Senator Birdsell: Tom Cardon mentions that we should send a letter to Senator Regina Birdsell in support of RGGI.
 - c. Capital Improvement Plan Items: Marc mentions various items in the budget that we should be aware of including \$20K/yr. for LED streetlight replacement, misc. vehicle replacements items, and the replacement of a roof on the Hampstead Rd. Fire Station. Someone from the committee need to reach out to Town Administrator Galen Stearns regarding how we can help with this project.
- 8. Non-public portion of meeting
 - a. Maureen makes motion to go into non-public discussion about the PV/ Landfill Bids. Marc seconds. 8:47 PM.
 - b. Maureen Makes motion to leave non-public discussion, Jim seconds. 9:25 PM
- 9. Meeting Adjourns
 - a. Maureen makes motion to adjourn meeting, Jim seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourns.