

Town of Derry, NH

Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

Attendees: Maureen Reno, Tom Morini, Marc Flattes, Chris Cox, Jim Ricker, Tom Cardon, Marius Zainea, and guest Anthony Marciano.

1. Call to Order – Maureen Reno
 - a. Motion to accept minutes of February 23, 2015. Also review non-public minutes of 2-17-15 and 2-23-15. Marc makes motion to approve 2-23-14 minutes, Maureen seconds.
2. Chairman's Report
 - a. Maureen reviews some information relating to a discussion with Mike Fowler regarding some aspect of the economics of the Haverhill, MA Landfill PV project. Maureen needs to gather some more information and will report back to Mike.
 - b. Maureen announces that we will have a budget going forward.
 - c. Maureen reviews, at a high level, the presentation she delivered to the Town Council. The reception was very positive; Tom Cardon agreed. There were multiple questions and significant interest in the committee and the descriptions of the EEAC's activities. Overall Maureen's presentation was very favorably received by all members of the Derry Town Council.
3. Old Business
 - a. SNHPC Pilot Program: Maureen asks for some member help working with the town on incorporating renewable energy into permitting and planning regulations. Maureen mentions that the model rules that are on the NHOEP web site. Marc and Maureen will reach out to town officials to restart this initiative. Councilor Cardon is interested in getting more information about the content of the model rules.
 - b. Junior Solar Sprint: Updates by Tom Morini. He hopes to be able to use Hood Middle School as both the rain or shine location for the 2015 event and is working with Fran Leach and Tom Minnon to get a firm commitment. We need to acquire a liability insurance letter from the town to the School from for the date of this event, June 6, 2015. There is also some discussion about some aspects that were difficult to execute when running last year's event. Problems last year were related to wind, and tearing of the paper surface that was used for the solar model cars to race upon. Tom Morini agreed to consult the Official Jr. Solar Sprint rules to determine what materials are allowed for the surface. Marc may have some alternate materials.
 - c. EVCS (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations): Marc has been doing some preliminary research here and feels that this is feasible for the Town to pursue. Marc wants to speak with both George Sioras and Mike Fowler about this and the different types of grants, depending on the type of charging station selected. Significant discussion by the committee about how the EVCS would be deployed and how the connections

would be implemented and financed. There is additional discussion about the legal aspects of these stations relating to Town liabilities, etc. Maureen makes a motion to allow Marc to continue to investigate EVCS. Tom Morini seconds.

- d. Go Green and EEAC to move the Rain barrel event into May. Looking for a source for the actual rain barrels. Jim Ricker thinks he may have a source. Marc suggests that Home Depot may donate some.
- e. Earth Day Clean Up: Targeting April 18th as the Earth Day cleanup event. Meet at 9:00 am @ Abbott Ct. parking lot.
- f. Cooler/Smarter Presentation: We are approved to co-sponsor a Cooler / Smarter event with Go Green on April 29th, 6 pm at the Derry Public Library.

4. Open Discussion

- a. Tom Cardon reminds the committee that members need to be careful when sending emails and using the reply all response. If email conversations involving more than 3 people are being sent and replied to in a reply all mode, that could be considered an official meeting. (RSA 91:A)
- b. Maureen opens the idea of investigating if this committee could possibly become a Commission instead of a committee. This topic has been discussed in the past. Numerous pros and cons are mentioned mostly by Tom Cardon, Maureen and Marc. Tom feels this could possibly be a good idea, long term.
- c. Maureen makes motion to adjourn, Marc seconds.