

Net Zero Task Force

A committee for exploring and achieving cost effective
Solutions for reduced energy use and sustainable energy
Development in Derry

Thursday February 21, 2019

6:00 Room 207

Derry Municipal Center

Board Members

Brewster Bartlett	Josh Bourdon
Beverly Donovan	Mike Fowler
Dave Granese	Mary Till
Marius Zainea	Tom Cardon
Craig Lazinsky	Richard Trip
Jeff Moulton	

Alternates

Bob Mackey	John Burke
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Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Members Present: Craig Lazinsky, Jeff Moulton, Mary Till, Brewster Bartlett, Bob Mackey, Josh Bourdon, Marius Zainea

Bob Mackey left at 6:52 p.m. and Marius Zainea arrived at 6:53 p.m.

Guest: Henry Herndon, Directory, Local Energy Solutions; Dave Kaiser, Engineer and Utility Manager, MIT Lincoln Lab; and Michael Fodiman,

Consent Agenda

Minutes approved for January meeting moved by Josh Bourdon, seconded by Craig Lazinsky, passed 5-0-1, Bob Mackey abstained.

Guest Presentation

Henry Herndon gave us a brief overview of the work of Clean Energy NH with special emphasis on Local Energy Solutions of which he is the Director. He reviewed several energy related bills before the NH General Court especially HB 365, SB 159, and SB 13. Each bill is a little different but all raise the project cap for net metering projects from 1 MW to 5 MW. These bills are of special interest to the Net Zero Task Force because Derry needs the cap to be raised in order to meet its goal of Net Zero carbon-based energy usage by the town by 2025. The higher cap also provides the opportunity to provide solar panels to cover electrical usage by the schools. Herndon also talked about SB 72 which aims to reign in "REC Sweeping," the practice of utilities counting unregistered and unsold RECS (Renewable Energy Certificates) toward their RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standards) compliance which lowers REC prices. Herndon agreed to keep the Task Force apprised of the progress on these bills through the legislature. He pointed out that Representative Jim Webb from Derry serves on the Science and Technology House Committee and suggested we should talk with Jim about the importance of these bills to Derry. Josh Bourdon agreed to contact Rep Webb.

Herndon announced the Local Energy Solutions conference to take place in November and suggested we consider attending.

Old Business:

Jeff Moulton reviewed DPW's draft Request for Proposals for the 1 MW solar array on the Derry Land Fill. Dave Kaiser and Michael Fodiman offered suggestions on the proposal and offered to share proposal information from MIT if he can get permission to do so.

New Business

Josh Bourdon announced that he had spoken with Scott Hayward, owner of Tupelo Music Hall. Hayward are willing to host a Business Solar Summit on either May 29, June 5, or June 12 at 6 p.m. The group decided that June 5 was the preferable date. Josh will follow up with Hayward.

The committee briefly discussed how Derry might utilize SB 165, the Low Income Community Solar Act, to ease the cost of electricity for low income Derry residents.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2019.

Motion to adjourn made by Josh Bourdon and seconded by Brewster Bartlett. Motion passed 6-0.

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Mary Till, Notetaker.