

## 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 16, 2023**

**6:00 Room 207  
Municipal Center**

## Board Members

Andrew DaPrato	Josh Bourdon
John O'Connor	Jess Ring
Jeff Moulton	Mike Fodiman
Craig Lazinsky	Tom Cardon
Mike Fowler	

## Alternates

Courtney Bogaert	Chris Cox
John Eckerson	

## Vacancies

Conservation Committee	Vacant
Derry Business Rep Alt.	Vacant
EDAC	Vacant

## Approved Minutes

Note: There was no January 2023 meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:55

Members Present: Craig Lazinsky, Tom Cardon, Mike Fodiman, John O'Connor, Chris Cox, Jess Ring and Valerie Connolly member of the public.

## Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve December 15<sup>th</sup> minutes made by John and seconded by Jess. The motion passed 6-0.

## New Business:

John gave the legislative update and is monitoring energy-related bills. He said there is concern with bills passing because of the evenly divided House of Representatives

The committee discussed the EECBG grant looking for ideas on how to spend 71 K. Ideas included heat pumps for the Marion Gerrish center and high-efficiency, variable-speed motors for water and wastewater treatment plants. Also, energy audits for town buildings, energy-efficient appliances at municipal buildings, reduce wasted energy from open doors at fire stations. Jess mentioned that the committee is waiting to hear from the fire department on energy efficiency projects.

The solar project at the landfill is moving along with only one permit needing approval. There will be a meeting with the planning board to approve the project on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The groundbreaking for the project will be in October 2023 and it will be producing power by April 2024.

Mike Fowler is still working on and "navigating" the \$500K Energy Department Grant.

Chris discussed EV and EVCS planning and EV performance modeling tool.

John discussed IRA funding for EV and EVCS. He talked about CMAQ \$1.5 million grant application for Derry's Capital Improvement Plan.

Jess discussed the school's Roof Assessment project. The schools are in the process of submitting a grant application for \$3.2 million for a new roof and solar array for the West Running Brook School. It will be proof of concept for the rest of the school buildings.

The committee discussed Community Power and did not make a decision on Joining. We will be looking at the criteria for joining and assessing the pros and cons of joining at a future meeting. Criteria to look at could be:

- What will be the approximate cost target for buying electricity from Community Power Coalition of NH?
- How will energy providers such as Standard Power and Freedom Energy fit into the Coalition?
- What is the typical process and timeline from approving the agreement to join CPCNH through approvals by Town Council and residents?
- Recommend whom to nominate for a Community Power Committee before bringing it forward to Town Council.

The committee reviewed, discussed and approved the goals for 2023.

### **Other Business:**

Craig informed the committee that he will be moving and no longer be a committee member. Tom thanked him for his excellent service to the committee and the town of Derry.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 by John and seconded by Jess. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted-

Tom Cardon, Secretary

Approved: *Jeff Alvar*  
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