

Town of Derry, NH

Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2015

Attendees: Maureen Reno, Marc Flattes, Marius Zainea, Anthony Marciano, Tom Morini, Tom Cardon, and guest Cindy Peaslee

1. Call to Order – Maureen Reno (7:05 PM)
  - a. Motion made to accept October 19th minutes by Marc Flattes. Marius seconds.
2. Chairman's Report
  - a. Maureen Reno reviews status of Town energy projects.
  - b. LED Streetlight replacement project: Siemens will conduct a light audit with the goal of starting actual replacement in the spring. There are 931 streetlights. Cindy asks whether the town's current traffic lights are LED. Most agree that they are LED.
  - c. Solar on Landfill project: Ameresco has some concerns about the cap on funding for projects at the State level. Maureen indicates that there is about 8 MW that are uncommitted in Eversource's service territory. Marc and Maureen discuss setting up a meeting with all parties including Mike Fowler to assess this project status with the hope of moving this project along quicker.
3. Old Business
  - a. EVCS: Marc indicates that there are grant funds still available. Some discussion about issuing an RFI to gain knowledge and assess potential costs for this effort. Cindy suggests we do some research and target some local companies for their input into the RFI replies. Marc assures that we will place all of these companies on the list of prospective bidders/responders.
  - b. Transfer Station Education: Maureen had a meeting with Liz Carver, the chair of the Go Green Committee, to determine what role the EEAC will play for helping out at the new Transfer station in the days and weeks after it opens. The intent is to help direct patrons and maintain smooth traffic flows. Councilor Cardon mentions that education part of this initiative is really more of a Go Green type of project because it involves recycling and we should let them lead but offer whatever support is needed.
  - c. School District Outreach: Marc and Maureen drafted a letter to send to Jane Simard.
4. New Business / Upcoming events
  - a. Household waste day for Derry and Londonderry residents is on 11 21 2015 @ Nelson Field, Londonderry.

- b. Flyers discussion for the next Button Up discussed with the intent of having them ready to hand out at the Derry Holiday Parade.
- c. The EEAC needs a new LOGO.
- d. Maureen received a negative letter from one of the bidders on the LED lighting project and will have to bring it to Mike Fowler's attention.
- e. Marc had some discussion with the Chair of the Plaistow Town Council. They seem to have interest in our committee and may want to attend a meeting or two, with the goal of possibly creating their own energy committee.

5. Open Discussion:

- a. Net metering discussion with all committee members involved. Tom Cardon and Maureen talk about the logic behind the net metering program and different ways that customer-generators can be compensated for the energy that they produce.
- b. Marc mentions his discussion with five companies to assess and characterize more clearly the condition of multiple brownfield sites in Southern NH.
- c. Marc raises the idea proposed by Councilor Bourdon about the potential for Derry to have net zero energy demand in 15 years. Is this possible? Maureen indicates it is possible, but would need to have both a generation and energy-use reduction component. Anthony indicates this is feasible if the Town is willing to invest enough money. Anthony also asks the committee if we even know the 3 least energy efficient buildings in the Town. This info is not known by committee.
- d. Next meeting is set for December 6, two weeks earlier than our regularly scheduled meeting.
- e. Motion to adjourn by Marc Flattes. Seconded by Tom Cardon. Meeting adjourned.