

Town of Derry, NH

Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2015

Attendees: Maureen Reno, Marc Flattes, Tom Morini, Tom Cardon, Chris Cox

1. Call to Order – Maureen Reno (7:03 PM)

- a. Motion made to accept July 20 2015 minutes by Marc Flattes. Chris Cox seconds.
- b. Motion made to accept August 17 2015 minutes by Marc Flattes. Chris Cox seconds.

2. Chairman's Report

- a. Maureen Reno thanks all committee members that participated in Derry Fest.
- b. Solar Up Launch held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Maureen estimates 130-140 people were in attendance. The event was upbeat with lots of very optimistic expectations about the program's success.
- c. Quarterly meeting with Public Works Director Mike Fowler.
  - i. Plans in place to re-engineer roof on the Central Fire Station and add insulation. This is perceived as a temporary, but needed fix.
  - ii. LED Streetlight bid yielded 9 bids. Mike is looking to the EEAC's recommendation by September 30<sup>th</sup> and will need us to testify at the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.
  - iii. The Town renegotiated the purchase rate for electricity recently. By including the Schools in the negotiation, Mike was able to achieve \$0.075/kWh rate for the Town and the School District, saving the town approximately \$88K/yr. The Schools had previously been paying \$0.095/kWh.
  - iv. The Natural Gas lines are being extended to both Hood Middle School and Grinnell School. Liberty Utilities is doing the work with some assistance from Honeywell. The intent is to have this complete before the ground freezes.
  - v. Solar Panel on Landfill project is progressing. Mike held a conference call with Ameresco to discuss the legal contract.
  - vi. The Town Transfer Station is under construction and progressing. Some discussion about having EEAC members volunteer for the first few weekends of operation, to assist traffic flow and resident education.

3. Old Business

- a. SNHPC: no new updates at this time
- b. EVCS: Maureen Reno spoke with Mike Fowler on this topic recently. They discussed usage and some concerns about a potential lack of interest. Some discussion about ABBOTT Court as a location to site a charging unit. There is power available there. There would be signage to direct potential users to the site of the charger that come with the grants. Chris Cox mentioned the town of Keene and the fact that they do

not actually charge for the electricity. Marc Flattes suggests that Chris actually put together budget pricing for the implementation of one unit. The EEAC would be able to use this budget figure in future discussions with Mike Fowler. Maureen stated that she would like to have the analysis and a decision about this project within the next few months.

- c. Solar Landfill Project: The Town has requested a letter from the EEAC in support of the Solar Landfill project. Maureen is willing to craft the letter. Maureen makes motion to write this letter and Chris Cox seconds. All committee members agree.

#### 4. New Business

- a. LED Streetlight Bid: Maureen has the 8 bids in hand. Looking for assistance from Committee members to review bids. Since there is a short window for this RFP response review, a plan is made for each present member to review the documents. Chris will review first, and give the documents to Marc. Marc will drop off the documents to Tom Morini over the weekend. Mike Fowler is working on a very tight assessment schedule for this project. Funds for this project to be supplied out of a reserve fund.
- b. Mike Fowler has suggested to Maureen that she reach out to Jane Simard in the Derry School District, to discuss ways that the EEAC can help with energy related ideas.
- c. Solar Up Event: Solar Up volunteers have not announced a date for another event, but are considering late October.
- d. Derry Clean up Event: October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Abbott Court @ 9:00.
- e. EEAC meeting to be held next Monday (the 28<sup>th</sup>) to assess RFP responses for the LED Lighting project.
- f. Motion to adjourn by Tom Morini. Seconded by Maureen Reno. (approx. 8:24 PM)