

## CONCORD ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 2, 2019

7:00pm

City Hall, Concord, NH

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Rob Werner, Zach Jonas, Dot Currier, Sam Durfee (Planning), Henry Herndon, Rich Maher, Jerry Eaton, Boyd Smith, Jessica Forrest, Donna Reardon, Ridgley Mauck, Chuck Willing, Cathy Kilday

7:10 – Rob opens the meeting

*Zach Motions to approve December minutes, Chuck seconds, approved unanimously.*

#### **Solar Ordinance Status (Sam and Rich)**

- Timeline – Draft will go to Planning Board Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Followed by opportunity for public comment. Ordinance will be noticed a month in advance of City Council Public Hearing. Can expect Hearing Monday April 8th?
- Defines “community solar”, “land coverage”, sets percentage of land coverage allowed (e.g., 40% lot coverage in RO [50% with community solar])
- Community Solar definition revised to comport with the Group Net Metering RSA 362 A:9
- 25 MW cap arbitrary and may be raised in ongoing revisions to... 30 MW? 40 MW?
- A 68 acre parcel with 40% lot coverage allows for 27.4 acres, or roughly 5 MW.
- Thank you to Planning Staff for their hard work.

#### **Municipal Properties Initiative Update (Rob)**

- City Staff working with energy consultant Beth Greenblatt to develop Solar RFP for Hall Street WWTP (1MW?), Landfill (1MW?), and Water Treatment Plant in Penacook (0.5MW?). 1 MW size based on arbitrary state regulation; pending change to state policy, City will want developer to expand systems accordingly. Potential to make municipal operations 100% solar powered. RFP should be released in Q1 2019.
- Federal Investment Tax Credit ramps down from 30% to (26%?) at the end of 2019 – motivation to begin development prior to 2020.
- Will CEEC have a role in reviewing bids? Rob will follow up with City Staff. **Due: Friday, January 11th**

#### **Stakeholder Committee (for input into Strategic Plan to achieve 100% Renewables) Update (Zach)**

- 19 confirmed stakeholders/organizations
  - Confirmed: Kent Street Coalition, Unitarian Universalists, Jewish Community, Lutheran Church, Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Wheelabrator, Audubon

Society, Conservation Law Foundation, Granite State Hydropower Association, Clean Energy NH, ReVision Energy, Belknap County Community Action Program, City of Concord, Grappone Auto, Duprey, Merrimack Chamber of Commerce, Senator Dan Feltes, City Councilor Rob Werner, Robert Baker (loquacious cyclist), School District, Unitol, Concord High Environmental, NH Department of Administrative Services

- Pending: Mom's Clean Air Force, Sierra Club, New American African Community, Merrimack County Savings Bank, NHTI Renewables Program, Representative Rebecca Williams
- Declined: NH Community Loan Fund
- Henry will contact Ray Burke, NH Legal Assistance. **Due: Friday, January 4th**
- All: Put contact information (email address AND phone number) of Stakeholders into spreadsheet. **Due: Friday, January 4th**
- Plan to send draft Strategic Plan Outline to Stakeholder Committee January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Zach will finish agenda, Chuck will finish Strategic Plan Outline, and the two will organize a dry run for presenters. **Due: Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- CEEC will schedule two additional meetings for public input in February and May.
- Rob will look into a press advisory to Monitor, NHPR, Union Leader to notify about the event. **Due: Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Strategic Plan Update (Chuck, Sam)**

- Planning Staff contributed helpful comments about organizational structure, design, format, etc. on December 16<sup>th</sup> Draft, which the Task Group has worked to integrate.
- Standing question: who will implement the final plan? CEEC? City Staff? Two potential mutually beneficial solutions:
  - 1) CEEC and Staff Synergy: CEEC will continue to provide support to City Staff by conducting research, making reports, conducting other groundwork to gather “actionable intelligence” that will enable the City to act.
  - 2) Recommendation for new, dedicated energy staff

*Zach Motions to that the CEEC vote to endorse the draft outline of the Strategic Plan, subject to ongoing tweaks between now and January 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing discussions with and input from Planning. Rob seconds. Approved.*

#### **Dropbox Update (Jessica)**

- Jessica created Dropbox to share resources, correspondence, notes, etc. Jessica and Zach will collaborate to integrate Dropbox and GoogleDrive.

#### **Energy Efficiency Task Group (Henry)**

- Henry is meeting with Jay Burgess of General Services Friday. Sam will send Henry report on City energy projects in advance. **Due: Thursday, January 3.**
- Jerry will investigate the possibility of drilling a water well at the Community Gardens. **Due: Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Boyd will support.

*Next Meeting: Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.*

*Rob motions to adjourn, Zach seconds, approved unanimously.*