



**CLAREMONT ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

Tuesday February 26, 2019 6:30 PM  
Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH

**MINUTES  
Approved 3/18/2019**

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Derek Ferland, Scott Pope, Rebecca McKenzie, David Lucier

**Present by Phone:** Marilyn Harris, Robin Hutchins

**Staff:** Nancy Merrill, Scott Osgood

**Facilitator:** Sara Brock, Vital Communities

**II. Election of Officers**

Reb McKenzie nominated Derek Ferland for chair of the committee. David Lucier seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Derek Ferland nominated David Lucier for co-chair. Scott Pope seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

**III. Adopt 2019 Meeting Schedule**

**Motion:** To adopt the 2019 meeting schedule as written.

**Made by:** David Lucier    **Second:** Derek Ferland

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

**IV. Approve minutes of previous meeting –**

**A. October 16, 2018**

**Motion:** To approve minutes of October 16, 2018.

**Made by:** David Lucier    **Second:** Reb McKenzie

**Vote:** 1 abstention; 5 in favor

**B. November 19, 2018**

**Motion:** To approve November 19, 2018 minutes.

**Made by:** Marilyn Harris    **Second:** David Lucier.

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

## V. Project Prioritization Score Card

### Scorecard Priorities for 2019

The EAC continued their discussion of Master Plan energy issues and what they would prioritize in the coming year. Sarah Brock facilitated the discussion.

**Project B – Zoning Ordinance update.** Derek Ferland recommended using the NH Clean Energy model solar ordinance as a reference.

**Project C – Renewable Energy and Conservation.** Scott Pope discussed updated the energy audit and utilizing the CIP process.

**Project D – Energy Efficiency.** Marilyn Harris reviewed implementation of energy audits and also recommended they be updated. She recommended City Hall as a priority.

**Project D2 – Energy Efficiency – DPW facilities.** David Lucier discussed the good work already done at the Wastewater treatment plant and suggested that the Committee investigate further a micro hydro system in the water line to the Water treatment plant, and also whether a solar array at the Water treatment plant could lower energy costs in all city buildings.

**Project E – Energy Education.** Robin Hutchins and Reb McKenzie have started discussing community outreach opportunities with local media. Energy education cannot NOT be done.

**Project F – Department Review.** Nancy Merrill discussed whether energy issues could be added to department checklists for new construction or site plans.

**Project G – Schools.** Scott Pope felt that a lot could be done with the Sugar River Technical School programs, as they are currently looking at energy. It is a priority to communicate with the new superintendent and see if there are school members who would like to meet with EAC.

Each project was scored. Scoresheet is attached.

Budgetary issues may be reflected in the scoring. Discussion about whether the EAC should focus on the city to save operational costs or to help residents and businesses as well. The committee felt they should do both but be balanced.

Homework was assigned. Derek Ferland will prepare a summary for the City Council of EAC priorities for the coming year.

## VI. Other Business

### A. NH Saves Button-Up

### B. Energy Initiatives Discussion

Scott Pope reviewed the City Council discussion on energy initiatives. The Committee felt the 100% renewable policy should be reviewed in more detail and that more data was needed to ensure what is possible. There was discussion on bringing in the school. The Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) would like to review and make a recommendation to the Council.

**VII. Future Agenda Items**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

**Made by:** Reb McKenzie      **Second:** David Lucier

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Nancy Merrill*