



ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2019 7:00 PM
Visitors Center
14 North St

MINUTES

Approved 7/15/2019

Mr. Lucier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked for a roll call. Motion by Reb, 2nd David appointed Robin as a member. Confirmed three is a quorum.

I. Roll Call

Present: David Lucier, - Vice Chair, Rebecca Mackenzie, Alt Robin Hutchins

Absent: Derek Ferland, Scott Pope, Alt Marilyn Harris

City Staff: Scott Osgood, City Planner

II. Review of Minutes of previous meeting

A. March 18, 2019

Motion: To approve and accept as presented

Reb Item 3 Minutes state there was to be a meeting with the assessor and put together an information chapter. Reb said is meant to be writing an article for the paper.

Reb said the Energy and outreach topics looked pretty good.

Page 2 motions article. She doesn't recall her and Robin being tasked with writing articles.

Only commitment was to have recurring articles for the Eagle Times

Other proposals looked good. Robin worked on them.

Discussion on Public Outreach

Committee needs to have someone to write an education package.

Robin noted there was no intention for an information package.

Timing with the Eagle Times is a driver to the schedule.

E-ticker news should be included as a recipient as well.

David felt all outreach should go through the Committee.

With the City Assessor Steve available only one day a week makes it very difficult to have him as resource.

Robin said the process needs to be streamlined.

Questioned who is to do the noted articles.

David noted there is a heavy reliance on Reb and Robin.

Questions where it says the committee will provide education information for schools as well as written articles.

David said he could do one on solar energy.

Difficult to find people with the time to write articles.
Reb said she is glad to do the work.
Robin mentioned looking for others to help. Is a big commitment. Focus on what we are doing, but is too much for two people.
David – Asked to table the topic.

Reb asked about changes to the minutes. She is for more time to notice meetings.

Notes three changes. Motion by Reb, 2nd David appointed Robin as a member
Confirm three is a quorum.

III. Project Updates

A. Education Outreach

Article suggestions came from Robin. Discussed additional education info. David noted all are very busy, with little time. Reb said she did offer to produce articles.
Robin noted other committee members to help with the conversations.

Reb asked about the Municipal aggregation process.
David explained the process. Has the cities creating their own business on energy.
Noted it is very time consuming. Will need a large organization, with risk. Would be replacing the utility companies.

Scott noted he has access to lots of information through the American Planning Association website. Scott also presented an article from National Geographic on design of future cities.

B. Bylaws

Reb noted she liked the Conservation Commission bylaws.

C. Legislation Update

David spoke with Garry Merchant, State Rep on many of the bills.

Energy Legislation update. Scott O presented current bills on Energy in the Legislature. Special consideration given to HB 238 Scott presented a spreadsheet with Energy Legislation related bills and their current status. Special notice to two bills regarding Micro grids HB 238 & 183,

Reb asked about municipal aggregation. David discussed municipalities taking control of the local energy supply and the duties and costs it would entail.

HB 365 – Increased watts. Reb asked why NHPA doesn't support.

SB 165- Reb interested in. Would like solar array to power low income homes. Scott noted program in the Lakes region community in Laconia. It was a webinar.

Scott noted the passive energy houses Not Leeds, but uses very little energy. Robin noted good Architects would be doing this. Reb – New construction should be like it. Robin lives in an active passive solar, still works very well.

D. Council Requests - none received

E. Model Ordinance

Draft Solar Ordinance –

Scott noted process. Used last year's ordinance. Kudos to Nancy on an effort to have a Solar Ordinance.

It will not compare to the Site Zoning process.

Scott presented the RSA that enabled the State Site Evaluation Committee, include details, hierarchy. This process will allow flexible zoning on the part of the City.

Details on neighborhood impacts would be recognized. Is residential to be By-Right

Tax exemption – Must be included in the ordinance; are very popular throughout the State.

Professional committee to be established for placing solar.

Professional siting committee – get capable people. Match State mandate.

David commented on draft ordinance – not allowing front panels, noting panel colors, on dormers.

OK for screening.

Scott noted residential solar would be by right for rooftop panels and ground mounted with conditions.

Aesthetics were not issue in Maryland for David. Very little pushback.

Scott glad to hear the pushback.

Additional forms also included:

- One on how to pull a permit
- Another with specific details to be considered.

IV. Other Business

Discussed special meetings – Special meeting process could be set up. Reb mentioned it was brought up previously. The process would be started member to

chair, or Derek or David. A special meeting could be called by council or city manager. David said it would be part of the bylaws.

Decided to carry over to next meeting.

Reb likes the con com commission bylaws. They look pretty decent, as a model.

Derek, Marilyn and Reb went to the Energy Week breakfast put on by Clean Energy NH. They attended a variety of workshops. Reb also attended an Energy week in Newport with a panel discussion on local energy initiatives that saved money for municipalities.

Derek sent info on workshop on clean energy.

Reb noted a program on putting panels on churches.

A breakfast on energy week. One on in Newport.

Was noted that this State is behind other states, David says by a decade.

Newport has an energy coordinator.

V. Future Agenda Items

Robin will be working on articles.

Film Paris to Pittsburg Movie, on coming Monday.

Will do a panel discussion. On ready for 100.

FUTURE ARTICLES

Tax exemptions. New stuff. David says there are plenty of articles.

David noted Tesla Power walls. Green Mountain had many installed, for no cost. They provide automatic storage. They are to back feed the grid saved half a million \$

Robin – NH Coop may be a good story

Reb to write one on the movie Paris to Pittsburg.

David – City should create a policy statement, not the job of this committee.

Maybe one on Climate change deniers.

Robin – Would like to interview those at the Lempster windmills.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting May 20.

Robin asks if we can have her on line. Need microphone up closer. Asked if we have a Zoom account. Question if Nancy will be at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Reb **Second:** Robin

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Osgood

City Planner