

LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Room 2, City Hall

August 19, 2021

4:00 PM

FINAL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifton Below (Chair, Council Representative), Greg Ames (Vice-Chair), Jon Chaffee, Woody Rothe, Joan Monroe (Planning Board Representative), Gene Homicki (alternate, remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meghan Butts, Devin Wilkie (Alternate Council Representative)

STAFF PRESENT: Everett Hammond, Mark Goodwin

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Clifton Below at 4:08 PM. Clifton appointed Gene Homicki to serve in place of Meghan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Aggregation Subcommittee: Clifton suggested that the Subcommittee could be dissolved since it has finished its work to develop Lebanon's Electric Aggregation Plan. Final meeting minutes to be approved by LEAC.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Power Coalition of NH & Related Legislative Updates: Still waiting for HB315/SB91 to be signed into law (will become law by default if not signed). Plainfield and Newmarket have voted to join the Community Power Coalition; Cheshire County is expected to join as well. Expect to incorporate CPCNH on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Lebanon Community Power (LCP) - Review feedback from public hearing: Final public presentation took place during the August 18th City Council meeting (last night). The City Council is expected to take up the Electric Aggregation Plan at the September 15th meeting. Clifton presented, and the Committee discussed, the latest draft of the Electric Aggregation Plan. Jon moved that the Committee approve, and recommend to the City Council for approval, the draft electric aggregation plan presented with edits as discussed and possible update to the aggregated load data on page 3. Woody seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Climate Action Plan: Jon and Woody hoped that LEAC could promote clean energy and climate action goals during the CIP process. Unfortunately, the CIP process has progressed past the point where LEAC could make meaningful input. There was further discussion around how the City could reach the Climate Action Goals in the Master Plan. Clifton presented the "Final Report of the 2020 New Hampshire Ad Hoc Emissions Commission" included in the meeting packet. Specific discussion around the Report's conclusion that society, and NH, need to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Should purchasing policies be updated to incorporate Climate action goals? Woody suggested that we work with Planning Department staff to investigate updates to building codes to reduce carbon emissions. Jon suggested that LEAC advocate for CIP funding to hire a consultant to develop a Climate Action Plan. Clifton suggested that committee members read the recent IPCC report, specifically the summary sections.

Local Energy Solutions Conference: Conference will be hybrid this year (virtual and in person). Date is Friday, October 18th.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Presentation of Anerobic digester at the next September meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Next LEAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16th at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Joan to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM. The motion was seconded by Jon. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Ames