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LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, City Hall

April 21st, 2022

4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ames (Chair), Jon Chaffee (Vice-Chair), Clifton Below (Council Representative), Woody Rothe, Sherry Boschert (remote),

MEMBERS ABSENT: Devin Wilkie (Council Alternate), Gene Homicki (alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery, Rebecca Owens and David Brooks – Planning Office

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Greg Ames at 4:02 PM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Woody moved to accept the March 2022 minutes; Jon seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE

Asst. Mayor Below gave an update on the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH). Portsmouth has joined CPCNH which now has 19 communities in it representing 20% of the state's population. CPCNH recently held its 1st annual meeting and Clifton was appointed Chair, with Kim Quirk of Enfield appointed V. Chair.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Asst. Mayor Below gave an update on three recent legislative victories:

- SB 321 has made it through the House and Senate and would allow up to 5 MW of electricity sales directly from producer to consumer OR intrastate wholesale, such as the landfill gas electricity sold to LCP. Transmission and capacity tag costs would be avoided.
- SB 262 would allow municipal or school district electricity generators to participate in group net metering as a large producer if production is less than 5 MW AC.

- SB 265 will allow Community Power entities to not have to notify all accounts within a municipality when an opt-in program is launched.

LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY PROJECT

It was noted that there is a site just north of the landfill which is owned by the City and might make a very good place for EV charging.

MASTER PLAN – ENERGY CHAPTER

Rebecca and David led LEAC through a point-by-point evaluation of the first parts of the energy chapter of the Master Plan. They will make revisions based on what was discussed and get a red line version back to LEAC members and relevant staff on Word document format.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Sherry Boschert gave a review of the EV Subcommittee's work.

OTHER NEWS

- There was a discussion of the [Zero Energy Project](#), a non-profit educational organization whose goal is to help home buyers, builders, designers, and real estate professionals take meaningful steps towards reducing carbon emissions and energy bills by building zero net energy homes and near zero energy homes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- LEAC work priorities for 2022-2023.
- REC discussion.
- More Master Plan discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 4 PM, City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Woody to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Jon. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery