

LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, City Hall

February 17th, 2022

4:00 PM

FINAL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Homicki (alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Everett Hammond, Tad Montgomery

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Greg Ames at 4:13 PM.

Greg Ames appointed Sherry Boschert a member in the seat of the High School student rep. Clifton suggested that the Council be approached to change that seat to a regular member.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jon moved to accept the January 2022 minutes; Woody seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously, with one correction: p. 4 change "Tad led meeting"

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Asst. Mayor Below gave an update on different bills in the statehouse that he is collaborating on on behalf of the city. SB 321 is the foremost and concerns the sale of net metered electricity up to 5 MW. He has proposed that Lebanon's landfill gas project be a pilot for this legislation, with the electricity possibly being sold through Lebanon Community Power.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Greg Ames has re-activated the EV Subcommittee and will appoint new LEAC alternate Sherry Boschert its Chair when the City Council has promoted her to full LEAC member.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Power Coalition of NH & Related Legislative Updates: Clifton mentioned that CPCNH is going through growing pains.

NEW BUSINESS

Brief update on EV's: Tad described a project between Lebanon, Hanover, and possibly Hartford to issue a joint RFI for public-use EV charging stations. Greg suggested that we incorporate into the RFI usage data from Hanover's public EV chargers.

Brief update on Landfill Gas-to-Energy project: The project's interconnect study has been granted approval from Liberty and the City has contracted with a project manager to order the turbines and build the system. The next critical path action is National Grid's upgrade to the substation. Clifton gave a comprehensive description of the obstacles with Liberty adding distributed generation to the circuit that includes the landfill.

Master Plan Energy Chapter: The Planning Office has chosen the Energy Chapter as one of two to be re-written in the next year. David Brooks met with Greg, Everett & Tad to discuss this. Greg asked all LEAC members to review Chapter 13 of the current Master Plan, especially the Vision & Purpose statement, in preparation for the start of this process at the next LEAC meeting.

Other:

- Sherry Boschert has been appointed to an alternate member position on LEAC.
- Greg said that he would be meeting with all LEAC members soon to brainstorm strategies and goals for 2022.
- Jon Chaffee discussed his ongoing research on a possible future C-PACE program (commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy finance program). Jon said that Bob Reals of NHSaves and Scott Maslansky of NH CDFA have both expressed strong interest in a C-PACE pilot project in Lebanon.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING:

Is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th at 4 PM in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Jon to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM. The motion was seconded by Clifton. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tad Montgomery