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LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, City Hall

June 16th, 2022

4:00 PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Ames

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery, Rebecca Owens – Planning Office (until 5:15)

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jon Chaffee at 4:15 PM. Jon appointed Gene to fill Greg Ames' seat in Greg's absence.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Woody moved to accept the May 2022 minutes; Clifton seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without change.

OLD BUSINESS:

MASTER PLAN – ENERGY CHAPTER

Rebecca continued the work of leading LEAC members through a point-by-point evaluation of the Outcomes, Strategies, and Actions in the Master Plan's Energy Chapter. Woody proposed to develop new language, or a new section, for the Energy Chapter that would address issues of equity and present the proposed language at a future LEAC meeting. He will work with Sherry as he develops the drafts. All present affirmed that this would be good. The Planning Office will make revisions based on what has been discussed over the last few months and get a red line version back to LEAC members and relevant staff.

COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE

Asst. Mayor Below gave an update on the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH), from the position of the organization's Chair. The PUC is going to adopt final proposal on rules for community power aggregations on 7/5/22. CPCNH just received RFP responses for their complete spectrum of

* **QUORUM NOTE:** When LEAC has five members, three need to be physically present to create a quorum.

services and credit support to launch CPA's and they are beginning to review them. One of the bills on CP has become law.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No new news.

LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY PROJECT

No new news.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUBCOMMITTEE

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

- Tad gave an update on DCFC chargers at the Police Station. The City Electrician spoke with the Liberty Engineer who designed the transformer for the building 30 years ago, and learned that there is 13,000 Volts going to it that could easily feed an additional transformer nearby that could be dedicated to EV chargers. This greatly simplifies the design and installation process in light of the pending re-paving of the PD parking lot.
- The City Manager drove the City's Nissan Leaf in the Lebanon HS Alumni Parade on June 11th, along with Sherry in her Chevy Bolt and Greg in his Tesla.
- Greg said that the City's F150 is scheduled to be manufactured starting the week of June 20th.
- Sherry has been talking with Rebecca Owens in the Planning Office about how to have early EV infrastructure input in the planning process for new/proposed developments.
- Sherry has started a new state-wide EV drivers' coalition which already has 30 members. One plan is to develop a scorecard and ask legislators and political candidates where they stand on issues relating to EV's.
- Sherry led a quick discussion on goals for city-wide EV adoption and steps to achieve those goals.
- Sherry has been talking with City staff about how to get more publicity about EV's on City websites.
- Sherry gave a quick overview of a very good report on EV infrastructure development that was written by the city of Greenbelt, MD. One point she highlighted is their conclusion that for multi-family housing there should be one level 2 EV charging station for every 14 residents.
- Sherry mentioned that the Canaan Motor Club is hosting an EV 'Race Track Day' on Sept. 25th on the Canaan racetrack that is open to anyone with an EV. "A day of educational, high-performance driving! No timed racing, no trophies. Simply a focus on safety and fun on a legal road course." More info [here](#).

NEW BUSINESS & OTHER NEWS:

RENTAL PROPERTY PILOT ENERGY RETROFIT

Jon and Woody are talking with landlords, financing organizations, etc. They went to Berlin and met with Tri-County CAP who agreed in principal that if they can find a privately-owned rental

property with more than 66% of the tenants who qualify in 2022 for fuel assistance that Tri-County CAP will take on that property and weatherize it and take it all the way to heat pumps. Jon and Woody are now talking with Liberty's residential sub-contractors to try to get the same agreement out of Liberty for their regular residential program. That would be the pilot for 2023.

ENERGY & FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Tad, Everett & LEAC members will be meeting with a company called TRC to discuss micro-grids next week.
- Liberty just announced major rate increase on the supply portion of their bill: from 11.11¢/kWh to 22.3¢/kWh that will take effect in August.
- CENH Energy Innovation Seminar – Tad will present on this next meeting.
- Tad has negotiated with Liberty to get un-registered solar production from the Valley Cemetery and Civic Memorial buildings recouped for the city if the installed meters have been functioning properly.
- City 2021 electricity accounting – there have been some glitches, but Tad is working with Liberty on them and hopes to have the data finalized soon.
- Winstanley has been very patient with the city as we try to resolve issues regarding solar on the LF Maintenance building with Liberty. Clifton & Tad are working with Liberty to get a resolution.
- Sharon Brown has approached the City to see how a 40-acre parcel of land might be used in a way that benefits future generations – Lot 24-13. Tad and Clifton walked the parcel last week and will follow up with her and members of the Planning Office who have also been involved in discussions with Sharon and the City Manager.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- LEAC work priorities for 2022-2023.
- REC discussion.
- More Master Plan discussion.
- Landfill Gas-To-Energy update.
- Solar Phase 3 update.
- CENH Energy Innovation Seminar.

NEXT MEETING

Is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st at 4 PM, City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clifton to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Sherry. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery