



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, City Hall

January 19th, 2023

4:00 PM

-- Final --

MEMBERS PRESENT*: Greg Ames (Chair, remote), Jon Chaffee (Vice-Chair), Clifton Below (Council Representative), Meghan Butts (alternate, remote), Woody Rothe, Sherry Boschert (remote, starting at 4:17 PM)

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery

GUESTS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Greg Ames at 4:07 PM. Greg Ames appointed Meghan Butts to fill the vacant seat of the Lebanon High School student representative.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Woody Rothe moved to accept the November 2022 LEAC meeting minutes; Clifton Below seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without change.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE

Asst. Mayor Below gave an update on the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH). Seven municipalities have voted to execute the agreements to initiate Community Power programs this spring. CPCNH is working on contracts for energy procurement and hopes to have them in front of the full Board for a vote on 1/26/23. The search for a CEO continues. CPCNH is negotiating with utilities regarding the coordination of start-up and has instigated trainings for new CPCNH Board members who are joining the risk management committee.

Woody Rothe reminded the committee that Tad Montgomery has been designated the staff point person for LCP and CPCNH. He and Jon Chaffee have spoken with Shaun Mulholland and Nik Coates about Tad's roll, especially at the start-up phase. Shaun and Nik have asked Woody and Jon to get them a job description and budget of estimated hours needed.

Publicity & Outreach: Jon Chaffee mentioned that he has gotten an article on LCP accepted for the February issue of *The Lebanon Times*. Woody Roth is working with Sustainable Hanover and

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

representatives from Plainfield and Enfield on the coordination of a series of op. ed. pieces in the *Valley News*. Sherry Boschert and Tad Montgomery have been working with Junction Arts Media on a short video to introduce LCP. Clifton Below mentioned that there are funds available for each town to do print and social media advertising. There was a discussion of banner design and placement downtown and in West Lebanon. Tad Montgomery and Jon Chaffee will work on this – size, locations, etc.

Tad Montgomery mentioned that he will be talking with a doctor on the Dartmouth Health sustainability committee on Friday about how they might enroll and opt up to higher levels of renewable power.

There was a discussion of a proposal to ask City Boards and Committees to read a short statement about the launch of LCP at the beginning of their meetings through the launch period.

MOTION made by Sherry Boschert, seconded by Jon Chaffee:

That Sherry Boschert and Clifton Below write a brief statement regarding the pending rollout of LCP/CPCNH and ask City Boards and Committees to read it at the beginning of their meetings.

Approved: 6:0.

LCP Rates: Clifton Below gave a detailed description of where CPCNH is regarding the setting of electricity rates. LEAC, acting as the Lebanon Aggregation Committee, gave feedback to him on how Lebanon should decide which rate will be the LCP default rate. Mr. Below has been designated the role of setting rates for the City.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Clifton Below said that he is working on legislation that would enable remote committee meetings, an expanded and refined net metering statute, and several PUC hearings.

CITY SOLAR

Tad Montgomery described a proposal that he has made to Liberty to reinstall the solar array on the Landfill Maintenance Garage and also install a battery bank with the purpose of allowing only 16 kW maximum to be fed into the grid at any one time. He has not heard back from Liberty about this. Clifton Below described another proposal that he has made to City Staff to put the Landfill Garage and reinstalled solar on the same meter as the Landfill Gas generator with the assurance to Liberty that no more than 1,000 kW would be put into the grid at one time. Mr. Below believes that this is easy to guarantee when the building's load, the LFGTE skid, and gas scrubbing equipment are factored in.

RENTAL HOUSING DECARBONIZATION/WEATHERIZATION PILOT

Jon Chaffee gave an update on this project. He and Woody Rothe are scheduled to meet with Matt Minghella on Friday to discuss the energy retrofit project and the role that Liberty and NH Saves might play.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE, STRATEGIC PLAN

No news to report.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES & EV SUBCOMMITTEE

Sherry Boschert briefly mentioned the three-town EV charging location request map has been made public as of 1/17/2023 and is already getting a lot of input. She also relayed that the City Council on Wednesday adopted the proposed zoning amendment that now requires some EV charging infrastructure in new developments.

NEW BUSINESS & OTHER NEWS:

None was reported because it was a shortened meeting.

ENERGY & FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The EFM report was postponed because it was a shortened LEAC meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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| 1 | • Master Plan – continued discussion | 5 | • A new Chair for LEAC |
| 2 | • Strategic Plan – continued discussion | 6 | • April Energy Fair with Hartford |
| 3 | • LEAC work priorities for 2023 | 7 | • Solarize Lebanon/Hartford |
| 4 | • REC discussion continued | | |

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9 UPCOMING EVENTS

10 None were reported.

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12 NEXT MEETINGS

13 The February LEAC EV Subcommittee meeting is Thursday, February 9th, 3 PM, Lebanon Library Damren
14 Room, 9 East Park St. **NOTE: this meeting has been moved from City Hall due to construction in the**
15 **Council Chambers.**

16 The February LEAC meeting is Thursday, February 16th, 4 PM, Kilton Library Community Room, 80 Main
17 St., West Lebanon. **NOTE: this meeting has been moved from City Hall due to construction in the**
18 **Council Chambers.**

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20 ADJOURNMENT

21 A motion was made by Clifton Below to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 PM. The motion was seconded by
22 Sherry Boschert and was unanimously approved.

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24 Respectfully submitted,

25 *Tad Montgomery*