



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)
MARCH 16, 2023 - 4:00 PM
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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 16, 2023
 - B. March 13, 2023
 - 3. Old Business**
 - A. Legislation/PUC Regulations/CPCNH updates
 - B. Landfill Gas to Energy Updates
 - C. Municipal Solar Updates
 - D. EV charging RFP (Lebanon/Hanover/Hartford)
 - E. Report on Rental Decarbonization Pilot / Weatherization
 - F. Master Plan Update/Lebanon Strategic Plan
 - G. LCP Promotion
 - H. LCP Public Forum
 - 4. New Business**
 - A. EV Subcommittee Report
 - B. Recent And Upcoming Conferences or Webinars of Note
 - C. Energize Upper Valley, 4/1/23, 11AM-3PM- Staffing Ideas
 - D. EFM Report
 - 5. Open to the Public**
 - 6. Future Agenda Items**
 - 7. Adjournment**

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AGENDA
LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM 2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 16, 2023



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, City Hall

February 16th, 2023

4:00 PM

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery, Nik Coates through the Community Power discussion

GUESTS PRESENT: Danielle Ford (remote, UNH student)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Greg Ames at 4:06 PM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jon Chaffee moved to accept the January 2023 LEAC meeting minutes; Woody Rothe seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without change.

OLD BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Clifton Below gave an overview of the following legislation and PUC work:

SB-166: He and Senator Watters continue to work on this legislation around distributed generation (DG) which among other things clarified SB-321 that passed last year, but utilities are opposing it. He thinks that they will still be able to get the DG pilot project size increased from 2 MW to 5 MW.

Net Metering: other legislation involves net metering and a new tariff based on the recent Value of Distributed Energy Resources study. He expects that new tariffs will be proposed this summer but not implemented for at least a year.

PUC Rulemaking: Clifton Below briefly discussed work at the PUC re Community Power and electronic data (EDI). He also mentioned that the PUC is investigating certain jurisdictional issues that will need to be adjudicated.

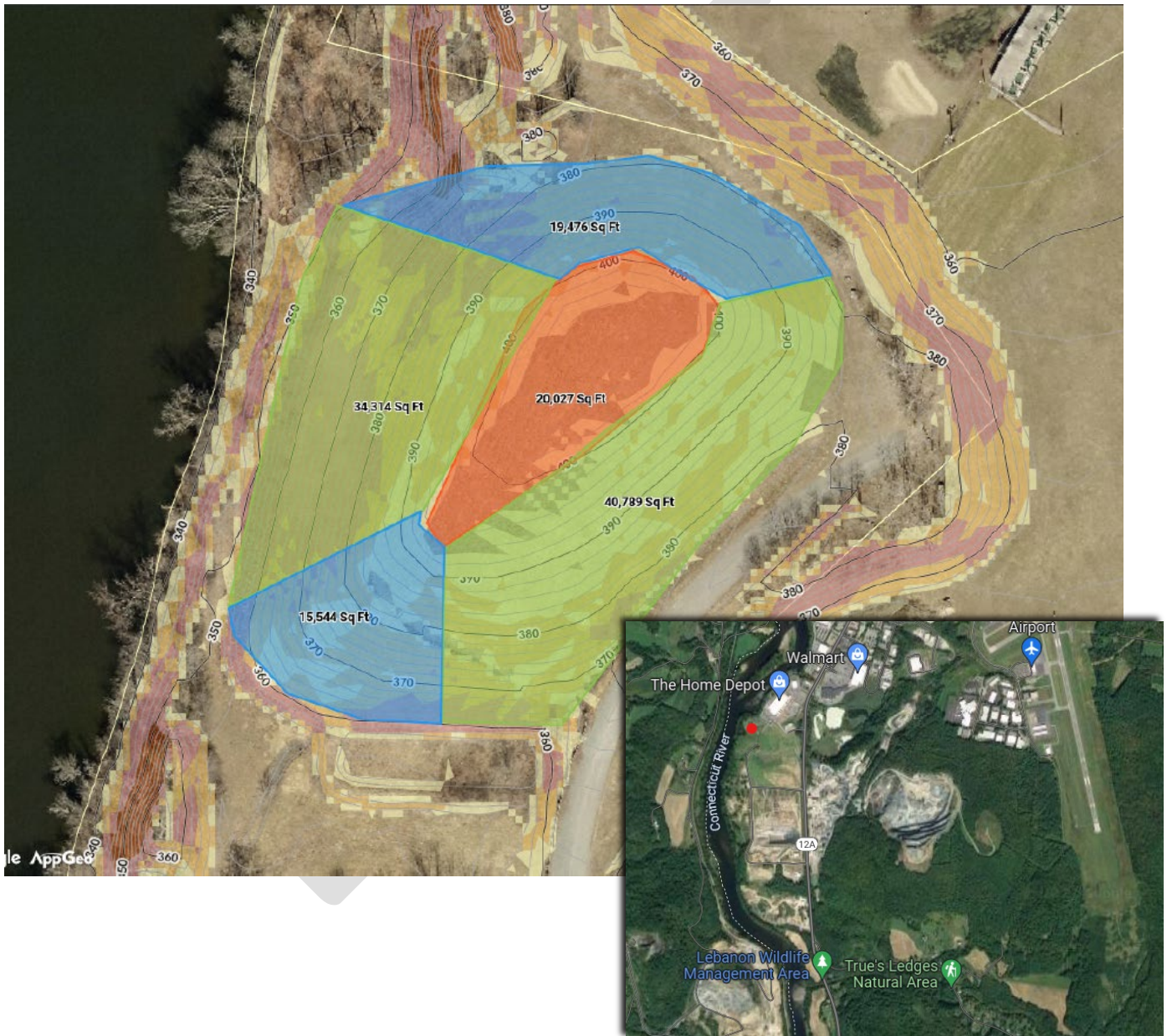
NH Energy Efficiency Program: when asked his thoughts on the recent unfavorable report by the PUC on this topic Mr. Below noted that the Consumer Advocate has said that the PUC should recuse themselves from any proceedings on this because they have stated an opinion already, and because of that need to appoint substitute Commissioners for these proceedings.

LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT & SOLAR

Tad Montgomery informed LEAC members that Liberty Utilities is scheduled to start site work involving new utility poles on 2/18/22 and it should take a couple months. City engineer Rod Finley is now

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working with Erica Douglas on site design and Tad has been asked to work with them to incorporate EV charging infrastructure into the design so that the City's future electric vehicles can charge there during power outages. Preliminary site work will begin as soon as construction vehicles can get in. Landfill Garage Solar: Tad Montgomery said that the Landfill Garage solar array is now planned for reinstallation back on the Garage roof, and ReVision is drafting a revised one-line drawing and an amended interconnect agreement that will be presented to Liberty soon. Landfill C&D Cell Solar: Mr. Montgomery said that in a recent DPW staff meeting Erica Douglas had stated that the capped Construction & Demolition landfill cell in the northwest corner of the landfill is available for solar (image below). It is sloped 1:3, is roughly 3.2 acres, and would be ballasted.



RENTAL HOUSING DECARBONIZATION/WEATHERIZATION PILOT

Jon Chaffee said that he & Mr. Rothe are funneling prospective landlords for this project to Liberty's weatherization team.

COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE

Chair Greg Ames appointed Sherry Boschert as media contact person for LCP. All press going out from the City on LCP should be passed by Deputy City Manager David Brooks. Tad Montgomery will act as City staff person for LCP including the following functions:

1. Coordinating LCP publicity with CPCNH and City media (Facebook, Web page, email, banners, flyers in mailings).
2. Arrange and facilitate a public hearing.
3. Be the contact person for coordination with Hanover, Enfield, and Plainfield.
4. Attend LEAC.
5. Emails and communication re LCP.

Clifton Below announced that Nashua has signed on to the first wave of municipalities. The last pieces of the contract puzzle are coming into place for the CPCNH Board meeting on 2/21/23. Rates should be approved between 2/24/23 and 2/28/23. The citywide mailings should go out on or just after 3/13/23. Customers should start to be enrolled on 3/17/23.

There was a discussion of the public informational meeting and Tad Montgomery was instructed to try to get it scheduled in the Council Chambers on 3/23/2023 from 6:30-8:00 PM. This will meet the statutory guideline of a public meeting within 15 days of the citywide mailing.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE, STRATEGIC PLAN

No news to report.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES & EV SUBCOMMITTEE

Tad Montgomery said that there was no news to report regarding the Hanover-Lebanon-Hartford joint public EV charging collaboration.

Sherry Boschert gave a recap of the February 2023 EV Subcommittee (see its minutes). She received data from the State on EV registrations in Lebanon and Hanover, and reported the following growth over two years:

	2020	2022	% Change
Lebanon	55	125	127%
Hanover	107	232	117%

LEAC members discussed the revised site plan regulations that Rebecca Owens has drafted for the Planning Office. Ms. Boschert said that Rebecca needs comments back by next Monday at the latest, preferably sooner.

Tad Montgomery said that the City's F150 Lightning pickup truck is back from the repair shop, and that the City is in the process of buying out the Nissan Leaf when lease ends in March.

Nik Coates mentioned that in a conversation with Lebanon Ford they said that they are planning \$800,000 in EV charging infrastructure development, and this will include public charging. He also said that he had met recently with DPW Fleet Superintendent Jesse Dumayne regarding the development of a plan to transition the City's fleet to electric over time.

ENERGY & FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Tad Montgomery mentioned that he has been asked to assist with the energy and sustainability aspects of the Fire Station #1 redevelopment. The plan is to demolish and re-build the building on the current site. ReArch is the project manager, and Tad with Rebecca Owens' assistance has drafted a list of 42 design objectives for the project at Nik Coates' request.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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| • Master Plan – continued discussion | 17 | • A new Chair for LEAC |
| • Strategic Plan – continued discussion | 18 | • April Energy Fair with Hartford |
| • LEAC work priorities for 2023 | 19 | • Solarize Lebanon/Hartford |
| • REC discussion continued | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hartford Energy Fair, April 1st, 11 AM – 3 PM, LISTEN building on Maple Street, White River Junction.
- Green Your Fleet and Beyond, June 9th, NH Motor Speedway, Loudon NH.
<https://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/happening/green-fleet.htm>

NEXT MEETINGS

The next LEAC EV Subcommittee meeting is Thursday, March 9th, 3 PM, Lebanon City Hall Council Chambers.

The next LEAC meeting is Thursday, March 16th, 4 PM, City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sherry Boschert to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM. The motion was seconded by Woody Rothe and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery

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STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery

GUESTS PRESENT: Barbara Krinitz (remote)

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BUSINESS: Lebanon Community Power

Asst. Mayor and Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) Board Chair Clifton Below described the rate structure that the CPCNH Board had adopted the previous Friday and presented at a press conference in Nashua earlier on Monday. LEAC members and guests discussed at length whether Lebanon should have as its default rate the CPCNH Granite Basic rate, at 23.4% renewable electricity as mandated by the NH Renewable Portfolio Standard, or use the CPCNH Granite Plus rate of 34% renewable electricity. Sherry Boschert argued articulately for the City to adopt the higher renewable content of the Granite Plus rate. Other LEAC members expressed a concern that not offering the lowest cost Granite Basic as the Lebanon Community Power (LCP) default rate would have adverse effects that they were not comfortable with, especially on low-income residents. After much discussion back and forth the majority of LEAC members affirmed their preference with LCP having CPCNH's Granite Basic be the default rate and engaging in a rigorous campaign to get Lebanon residents and businesses to opt up to higher renewable electricity levels.

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