



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

City Hall Council Chambers

July 13th, 2023

3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Boschert (Chair), Greg Ames (remote), Clifton Below

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meghan Butts (alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery – Energy & Facilities Manager (EFM)

GUESTS PRESENT: Jessica Stoll (remote) – Electrification Coalition, starting at 3:40 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Sherry Boschert at 3:03 PM

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Greg Ames moved to accept the May, 2023 LEAC EV minutes; Clifton Below seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without change.

OLD BUSINESS

GM Level 2 Charger

There was no news to report.

Upper Valley Collaboration on EVSE Planning & Grants

Tad Montgomery said that he had spoken with rep.'s in Hartford and Hanover to reconvene the discussion and had reached out to New London but had not heard back. When he does, he will reach out to the Regional Planning Commission as well and set up a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Workplace Charging Project

Sherry Boschert described work to date on this project, formerly known as EV-Friendly Employers Project. There was a meeting this past week with a few key people to discuss the project. They would like to recognize local employers who have gone above-and-beyond in making EV charging available to employees, perhaps at an event in September.

Ms. Boschert described a new federal program called Empower (workplacecharging.com) that is providing technical assistance to employers to install EV charging equipment (EVSE). The local organizations enlisted to provide this TA are the Vermont and NH Clean Cities Coalitions.

Ms. Boschert mentioned that Hypertherm participated in the event by sending a video of the work that they have done. This includes a phone app that schedules EV charging for staff and lets the next user know when the car before them is done. She is encouraging Hypertherm to make the app available for other companies since this resolves a major bottleneck with workplace charging.

Ms. Boschert said that she had sent Nik Coates documents regarding an EV carshare program at his request. He followed up by asking LEAC to make a recommendation as to whether this is a project that the EFM should pursue. The sentiment of the Subcommittee was that a carshare program should be developed when and if the CFI grant is awarded to the City.

National Drive Electric Week (NDEW)

Ms. Boschert said that there had been a preliminary organizing meeting for a fall NDEW, which is tentatively scheduled for 10 AM to 3 PM either Saturday Sept. 30, or Sunday Oct. 1. She has inquired as to whether the event could be held behind City Hall, with speakers in the Council Chambers, and during the meeting she got a text from the City Manager with a tentative 'Yes.'

MOTION: The EV Subcommittee recommends to LEAC that LEAC be a sponsor and lead organizer of the National Drive Electric Week event in Sept./Oct.

Motion made by Sherry Boschert, seconded by Clifton Below, approved 3:0

Elective (Direct) Pay Presentation

Jessica Stoll of the Electrification Coalition gave a presentation on the new IRS/Dept. of Treasury program to reimburse government entities and non-profit organizations for the cost of installing renewable energy systems. She gave the outline for the program but said that many of the guidelines are still under development. Public comments are being accepted until August 14th. She gave a slide show and said that she would forward the slide deck to the group. One question raised was whether this incentive could be combined with other federal incentives and grants, such as CFI or GSCF.

NH Granite State Clean Fleet Grant (GSCF)

Tad Montgomery gave an overview of work being done by Rebecca Owens and DPW Staff to work on this grant application. It is a one-time grant and the state has \$10M to award. It covers up to 95% of the total cost, includes the cost of EVSE (including utility upgrades), and potentially a solar arrays to charge the EV's. At this point the City is looking to replace its two street sweepers with electric versions, with possible EVSE at the landfill. One issue raised was the need for community engagement to bolster the grant application. Sherry Boschert mentioned a possible survey to solicit public input. Clifton Below recommended the Bike Ped Committee be approached. Tad Montgomery said that he would reach out to Sustainable Lebanon, and he asked the EV Subcommittee for an endorsement for the grant as well.

MOTION: The EV Subcommittee recommends to LEAC that LEAC endorse the Granite State Clean Fleet application by the City of Lebanon for one or two electric street sweepers.

Motion made by Clifton Below, seconded by Greg Ames, approved 3:0

City Fleet Electrification Plan

The Committee discussed the Electrification Plan that has been drafted by Tad Montgomery. Sherry Boschert will collect suggested edits and changes after the Committee members have had time to review the Plan more thoroughly and send them to Tad and City Management. She alluded to a plan developed by the City of Philadelphia and mentioned parts of it that she thought worth emulating.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

National Drive Electric Week
GSCF Grant

NEXT MEETING

The LEAC EV Subcommittee generally meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 3-4 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. An online option is available. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th at 3 PM. See the calendar on the City's home page to confirm time and place: <https://lebanonnh.gov/>. For online options visit: <https://lebanonnh.gov/live>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery