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**LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM OR
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
4:00PM, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ames (Chair) (REMOTE), Jon Chaffee (Vice Chair), Woody Rothe, Clifton Below (City Council Rep.), Sherry Boschert (REMOTE), Henry Bromberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Mashal, Devin Wilkie (Alt. Council Rep), Meghan Butts (alt)

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery (Energy & Facilities Manager)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ames called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

At 4:05pm, Chair Ames approved the appointment of Mr. Bromberg to sit in for Mr. Mashal.

Chair Ames said he was remote because he is currently on the Dartmouth College campus, and he has another meeting at 5:00pm. Ms. Boschert said she was remote due to health issues in the family.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2023

A MOTION was made by Jon Chaffee to approve the August 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Sherry Boschert.

Amendments: Page 1 Line 5: change “remote because he cannot work and logistics prevent him from attending in person” to “remote because work logistics prevent him from attending in person”

Page 2 Line 16: Change “Callahan” to “Calnan”

**** The Vote on the Motion was approved by roll call vote: Boschert: aye; Rothe: aye; Chaffee: aye; Bromberg: aye; Below: aye; Ames: aye (6-0)***

Chair Ames said, because he may have to leave the meeting early, he’d like to change the order of the agenda and start with New Business items first.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. EV Subcommittee Report

Ms. Boschert said the City Council approved the resolution thanking EV-friendly employers. She said the City Manager has a version of the resolution that could be sent

to all the employers involved. She said maybe the resolutions could be sent with a flyer about the 2023 Upper Valley EV Expo.

Ms. Boschert reminded the group that she has an appointment in October with the new Lebanon School Superintendent to discuss electric buses.

She said plans for the 2023 Upper Valley EV Expo on September 30, 10am-3pm are progressing. She said more than 150 attendees are registered to attend. Mr. Montgomery said he had flyers about the event and asked committee members to take some and put them up around the City. He also said that they should contact Councilor Sykes and invite him to be part of the state policy panel. He said he believed Councilor Sykes is the ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, which deals with a lot of legislation that pertains to EVs.

Ms. Boschert said she would contact Councilor Sykes. She said she is also trying to get someone from the Drive Electric NH group. She said VT State Senator Rebecca White is going to attend the event and participate on the Policy panel. She said Tom Korman of the NH Legislature is participating in the event because he's showing off his electric lawn tools and power tools.

Ms. Boschert said she needs to be in touch with City Managers Shaun Mulholland or Nick Coates to request Mr. Montgomery's help with opening City Hall and other details.

B. EV Motion: LEAC support letter for EV Street Sweepers

Ms. Boschert said a draft letter was included in the agenda packet that supports the purchase of EV Street Sweepers by the City. Mr. Ames suggested that parts of the letter that were in passive voice be changed to active voice.

A MOTION was made by Sherry Boschert that the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee accept the letter supporting the purchase of EV Street Sweepers by the City of Lebanon as amended. The Motion was seconded by Clifton Below.

**** The Vote on the Motion was approved by roll call vote: Boschert: aye; Rothe: aye; Chaffee: aye; Bromberg: aye; Below: aye; Ames: aye (6-0).***

C. Recent and Upcoming Conferences or Webinars of Note

- Window Dressers Builds planned for October 13-18 at the Hartland Town Hall. Mr. Montgomery said volunteers should visit windowdressers.org/vermont-community-builds to register for a shift.
- Mr. Montgomery said that the NH DES is seeking input on a community EV charging grant program. Ms. Boschert said she believes the state is seeking input to add to its application for a similar CFI grant that Lebanon applied for this summer. She said she hopes she can provide data from the EV Expo for the DES application.

- Local Energy Solutions Conference on November 2 from 8:00am-4:30pm at the Double Tree Conference Center in Manchester, NH
- Forward Fest on October 13 at 5:30 at the Courier Museum in Manchester, NH
- World Resources Institute webinars on funding for municipalities to do decarbonization energy transition projects on September 25 at 1:00pm.

D. EFM Report

Mr. Montgomery said he's been working on the Granite State Clean Fleet grant application. He said he's had meetings with Waldron, ChargePoint, and other EV installers, along with the City's fleet superintendent Jesse Dumayne to discuss the budget for EV charging station and the DC fast charger at the Lebanon Landfill.

Mr. Montgomery said he has also been working on the streetlight project. He said the project involves the conversion of 15 floodlights and seven roadway luminaries. He said they may be installing new streetlights and relocating streetlights to different utility poles. He talked about streetlights around the City that are operating with voltage issues.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislation/PUC Regulations/CPCNH Updates

Mr. Below gave an update from the latest Legislative session. He said the jurisdictional issue for enabling pilot projects for limited producers (generators under 5 megawatts) has been delayed until December because the CPCNH's attorneys filed a letter that supports the position that the Coalition can purchase directly from limited producers and the values back. He said the Commission accepted the additional case law that supports the argument into the record and has given the utilities until December to respond.

He said that he expects there to be testimony on new net metering rates or tariffs in early December.

Chair Ames left the meeting at 4:52pm.

Mr. Below said Coalition CEO, Brian Calnan, is hiring three more employees to make a staff of five.

B. Landfill Gas to Energy Updates

Mr. Below said Mr. Montgomery is working with the engineers on the plans for the direct charge EV building and islanding. He said he thought construction may be

delayed until spring, but the equipment is on site now. Mr. Below explained that islanding means that the building can operate when the power distribution grid is down or not running.

C. Municipal Solar Updates

Mr. Montgomery said he has been updating the revenue spreadsheet.

D. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Application

No update

E. SHARC Energy Wastewater Heat Recovery

Mr. Bromberg said he attended a Zoom meeting on September 5. He said SHARC shared a preliminary analysis of the proposed Lebanon wastewater treatment plant project. He said the SHARC representatives requested more detailed information.

He said they also discussed the other possible project sites that are potentially in consideration for the SHARC technology, such as the new fire station, the DPW garage, and the Tailor Street projects.

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Multifamily Thermal Energy Retrofit**

7. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Woody Rothe to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm. The Motion was seconded by Sherry Boschert.

**** The Vote on the Motion was approved by roll call vote: Boschert: aye; Rothe: aye; Chaffee: aye; Bromberg: aye; Below: aye; (5-0).***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Roux
Recording Secretary