



ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(Subcommittee of the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee)

City Hall Council Chambers

November 9th 2023, 3:00 PM

-- Final --

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Boschert (Chair), Clifton Below

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meghan Butts

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery, Energy & Facilities Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Sherry Boschert at 3:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sherry Boschert moved to accept the October 2023 EV Subcommittee minutes; Clifton Below seconded. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Fleet Electrification Plan** – Tad Montgomery said that the City Manager requested a new policy be developed re the City's purchase of EV's. This has become ADM-149: Electric Vehicle and Equipment Procurement Policy, which was discussed.
- B. **Zoning Variance for the former Element Hotel** – Sherry Boschert attended the Zoning Board of Adjustments and submitted the letter from LEAC concerning EV infrastructure at the former Element Hotel development.
- C. **Granite State Clean Fleet Grant Application** – Tad Montgomery said that the NH DES reported that communities should hear about this grant by Nov. 17th. The City's grant application for electric street sweepers total amount is \$2,960,238, and the City's match, including ineligible expenses, is \$165,864.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Meeting regarding E-Buses for SAU #88** – Sherry Boschert met with

SAU 88 Superintendent Amy Allen to discuss this grant for electric school buses. The next steps are for Sherry to meet with the school district's CFO and Fleet Manager.

- B. Meeting with Emily Friedrichs, Durham Energy Committee** – Ms. Boschert met with Durham City Councilor Friedrichs and discussed Lebanon's EV zoning ordinance. There was discussion of a potential \$5 surcharge on vehicle registrations in Lebanon that could go into a dedicated fund to support EV infrastructure or projects in the city.
- C. New "NH Energy" Group For Energy Committees** – Sherry Boschert mentioned that this group is forming in NH. This led to a discussion on recent media around EVs in Lebanon, including an article in *Green Energy Times* that she has just submitted and an interview for the WMUR-TV program 'NH Chronicles.'

OTHER NEWS

- Ms. Boschert relayed that Durham, NH reports that they have had no issues with the operation of public EV charging stations that they own.
- Ms. Boschert said that Dartmouth College is installing a Solaflect solar EV 4-port Level 1 charging station in the Maynard parking lot that will be made available through a lottery system.
- Clifton Below shared an idea to fund the GSCF City grant match by reducing the City's electricity from the CPCNH Clean 100 rate (100% renewable) to the Granit Basic rate (23% renewable) and using the difference for the match.
- Tad Montgomery mentioned that Vital Communities hosted a party at the Kilton Library to thank volunteers who supported the e-bike lending library. He said it was well attended, great networking, and a lot of fun.
- Tad Montgomery mentioned the West Lebanon redevelopment project and a proposed plan to move the bus drop-off location from in front of the Kilton to north of town. There was discussion on the implications of this for multi-modal transportation, e-bikes, and EV charging in West Lebanon.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None discussed that haven't happened already.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, December 14th, 3 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Clifton Below moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 PM, seconded by Sherry Boschert. Seeing as there were only two members present, the motion passed without opposition or contention.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery