

LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually via MS Teams

March 18, 2021

4:00 PM

FINAL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifton Below (Chair, Council Representative), Greg Ames (Vice-Chair), Jon Chaffee, Woody Rothe, Joan Monroe (Planning Board Representative), Meghan Butts, Gene Homicki (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Everett Hammond, Mark Goodwin, Tad Montgomery, Shaun Mulholland, James Donison, Rebecca Owens

GUESTS PRESENT: Chet Clem (Lyme Properties)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Clifton Below at 4:02 PM. Clifton appointed Gene Homicki to fill the absent Lebanon High School position.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Jon moved to accept the 2/18/2021 minutes; Woody seconded. During discussion, Clifton corrected one spelling error. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with City Manager, Shaun Mulholland, DPW, and Planning Dept. Staff on Near and Long-term City Energy & Climate Goals Role for LEAC in 2021: The Committee discussed the LEAC relevant portions of the City's 2020-2021 Work Plan, specifically the reduction of energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions. Mark discussed possible update to planning regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This year's budget does not have funding to hire a consultant to create a work plan, so any updates to the work plan needs to be done in-house, using employees and/or volunteers. There was further discussion about possible code updates around energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reduction, and sustainability. Jon gave an overview of Sustainable Lebanon.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – Municipal Aggregation Subcommittee – The Subcommittee discussed the first draft of the aggregation plan for Lebanon Community Power. Additionally, there was a meeting today amongst several municipalities to discuss Community Power of New Hampshire.

OTHER BUSINESS – Clifton mentioned that most of the Phase 1 streetlights are done.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Further review of City's aggregation plan. Woody suggested investigating solar near the water tank on Reservoir Road to offset the pump's power usage. There was brief discussion about possible future federal funds for various energy projects.

NEXT MEETING:

Scheduled for Thursday, April 15th at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Woody to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Meghan. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Ames