

Town of Derry, NH

Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015

Attendees: Marc Flattes, Tom Morini, Chris Cox, Anthony Marciano

1. Call to Order – Marc Flattes (7:00 PM)
  - a. Unable to vote to approve minutes of 7-20-15 as only 3 of the 4 committee members present were in attendance during the meeting of 7-20.
2. Chairman's Report
  - a. Solar Landfill Status discussion. Marc indicates the project is moving forward as planned.
  - b. Town is proceeding with taking bids on re-lamping 926 streetlights. There is an RFP out for this bid. Close date of the RFP is September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - c. The School District has agreed to join forces with the Town to re-negotiate electric rates for the Town. High priority project and the town is current in negotiations.
  - d. Two Schools: Hood Middle School and Grinnell School will be converting to natural gas.
3. Old Business
  - a. Derry Fest Application. Derry Fest is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Marc Flattes makes a motion for the EEAC to spend \$25.00 for the application fee for the EEAC booth for Derry Fest. Chris Cox seconds. All approve. Amaresco (the bid award winner for the PV Landfill project) has agreed to supply brochures for the Derry Fest, EEAC booth.
  - b. SNHPC pilot program. The question about the amount of PV panels was addressed by George Sioras. As of this time there is no limit to the amount of panels a homeowner can put on their property. This would be self-regulating as there would be much lower returns for any electricity bought back for power produced over the needs of the resident.
  - c. EVCS: Members discussed the idea of having a quarterly meeting with Mike Fowler to discuss this and other new ideas. There has been little activity on the EVCS grant application.
  - d. Solar Up: We need volunteers for staffing the Wednesday Farmers Market. No takers as all in attendance have work schedule conflicts. Program ends on November 30<sup>th</sup>. To date 80 people have had visits to access, the majority of these in Chester. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the formal launch date of Solar Up Derry-Chester with a meeting at the DMC at 7:30 pm.
4. New Business
  - a. Fall clean up dates discussed. Most agree that either October 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> would work.

- b. TV Series: Marc would like to reactivate this effort. Marc is looking for committee members to be involved and possibly be on camera for various segments. No volunteers, but anyone with interest should notify Marc.

5. Correspondence

- a. Maureen Reno met with Go Green. They have interest in helping with Solar Up. Related to this, a question arose about the cost of leasing vs. purchasing a residential PV System. It was noted that there is an unclear impact on the ownership and transfer of the PV array when a house is sold and changes hands. Discussion follows with all members participating.
- b. Marc received a letter from a resident about what can be done to save energy and money at the school level. Anthony raises a question about how energy efficiency could be utilized to improve budget savings. Marc makes a motion to send a letter to the Superintendent of Schools to request a meeting to have a discussion about energy efficiency, Jr. Solar Sprint, and educational opportunities relating to energy savings. Motion seconded by Tom Morini.
- c. Chris Cox received a letter from a resident. The content dealt with garbage on the rail trail. The letter was unclear about the section of the trail that was the problem. No action taken, due to lack of clarity.
- d. Motion to adjourn by Chris Cox. Anthony Marciano seconds. (7:59 pm)