

FINAL MINUTES: LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4:00 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
DPW CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Clifton Below (Chair), Woody Rothe, Jon Chaffee, Greg Ames,
Joan Monroe, Peter Beardsley (Alt.), Gene Homicki (Alt.)

Staff Present: Tad Montgomery

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Clifton Below called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

January 16, 2020

Discussion of comments/corrections to last month's minutes. Pete will make corrections and submit corrected minutes.

3. UPDATES & ISSUES in ONGOING PROJECTS:

a. EV Subcommittee

ReVision will install an electric vehicle charger @ City Hall when renovations & schedule allow.

Tad expects a contract re. the Nissan Leaf by the end of the day.

Taylor St. site is being surveyed for charger site(s).

Discussion of old (but still owned) railroad right-of-way at that site.

Electrify America raves about dealing with Lebanon. Good relationship with lawyer, appreciate Tad's work, and they like NOT having a charger in a Walmart lot.

PUC has opened a proceeding to set rate design. Taking into account battery pilot program, time-of-use rates, etc.

Further discussion of siting L2 chargers for public access, and capital cost recovery.

b. City Solar

Ribbon cutting on City's solar projects @ Kilton Library at noon on Monday March 2.

'Green Drinks' event 5:00-7:00 that evening at the "real" Salt Hill Pub in downtown Lebanon.

c. LED Streetlight Conversion Project

Clifton: PUC staff are finally reviewing a special contract for Lebanon. "Cogs are finally starting to move" on this.

Tad: met with a rep from Siemens, who is trying to sell Lebanon a performance contract.

Tad advised him to shift focus to 'Smart City' development with the City.

d. Regulatory Update

Clifton filed testimony on Liberty's LED tariffs, which Liberty did not rebut. Liberty's proposal doesn't allow several things that the special contract does allow.

Extended discussion/explanation of new municipal tax liability re. streetlight investment.

Liberty is awaiting OK to start installing the Tesla batteries for the pilot program.

e. Legislative Update

HB 1262 would provide that limited producers (up to 5 MW) may sell power directly to retail customers.

The bill is hung up in committee, and is also confused with net metering issues.

4. LEBANON COMMUNITY POWER UPDATE

a. NHCDFA Tax Credit Grant (New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority)

They are also starting to formulate regulations re. community power aggregation (LCP).

Tax Credit Buyer Prospects: Woody Rothe, Jon Chafee, & Tad have been approaching various entities — HyperTherm, Price Chopper — to raise funds for the community power aggregation project.

Long discussion ensued about specific people/entities to hit up. Lawyers, Realtors, Retail, etc. Tad, Clifton, Jon, Greg, Woody propose to get together again Thursday @ 1:00 to keep on top of this effort.

b. Community Power Steering Committee

Tad was in a meeting re. statewide efforts on municipal aggregation.

Clifton: PUC has scheduled a “stakeholder” meeting

c. PUC Rules for Community Power Aggregations

5. REPORTS & NOTICES of Energy-Related Conferences, Webinars, & Events

Webinar Monday on Western Massachusetts CCA

Latest draft of their aggregation program is in SharePoint.

Jon has contacted Window Dressers: this would be a huge, time demanding project.

Tad: Lebanon Green Drinks March 2, 5:00-7:00 Salt Hill, Lebanon. ReVision is hosting. There will be some sort of “Green Fair” around Earth Day in Lebanon.

6. OTHER & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None were formally introduced.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, March 19, 2019 4:00 PM @ DPW Meeting Room

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:04 PM Woody Rothe moved to adjourn, Greg Ames seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted by Peter Beardsley