

**CITY OF CONCORD
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2020**

The Concord Energy and Environment Advisory Committee met at 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2020, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Henry Herndon, Chuck Willing, Jennifer Galbraith, Jerry Eaton, Councilor Meredith Hatfield, Councilor Rob Werner, Carl Cooley, Kelsey Sullivan, Rich Maher, Dot Currier

Absent: Matthew Thorne

Staff: Sam Durfee

Guest(s): Donna Reardon, Amina Grant, Jessica Forrest

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Amine Grant, 3rd year PhD student at University of Iowa, Civil & Environmental Engineering. Hoping to work with nonprofits and/or government on climate change.

Carl moves accept minutes from April 9. Meredith seconds. Unanimously approved.

II. Municipal Properties Update

- RFP status and net metering legislation
- ReVision Energy selected. May be a formal contract in June to allow for construction of system in 2020. Less than 500 kilowatts to cover 16%-20% of the electric load of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Project size was scaled back due to distribution grid engineering and cost concerns, and as a result of state policy limiting the size of projects eligible for net metering.

III. UNH Sustainability Institute Fellow

- Welcome Amina Grant
- Virtual Workplan implementation
 - Jessica: Workplan outlines a greenhouse gas inventory for municipal government and for aspects of the community where we can start conversations about reducing emissions. We have come up with a list of key questions. The project kicks off in early June and runs through mid-August. There is also a list of data needs and we are thinking through strategies and resources for data collection. We have a year of coarse data from Unutil and Liberty.
 - Sam: Some data has already been collected to allow Amina to get a jump start. May be opportunities to add flexibility to the workplan, depending on how the project develops, specifically relating to the work plan. E.g., some flexibility might involve analysis of certain commercial and industrial sectors and low/moderate-income housing facilities, and the conducting the associated outreach, which could tie in with the Weatherize Campaign.

- IV. Community Power Update
- a. Hanover, Lebanon, Nashua, Cheshire County, Harrisville, and others will be convening legal resources to begin drafting a “Joint Action Agreement” to establish a service vehicle to enable community power aggregations via a shared services public power approach.
 - b. June 5th, Community Power Summit (Henry will share an invitation).
 - c. Concord uses ~389,638 megawatt-hours/year community-wide, which equates to approximately \$31 million dollars. Much of that electric load is commercial and municipal, and much of that is likely procuring competitive electricity supply, meaning that would be excluded from the Community Power Aggregation purchase.

V. Municipal Net Metering Sign-on Letter

Rich motions EEAC recommend City Administration sign-on to the letter with the addition of a subject-line that clarifies the purpose of the letter. Carl seconds the motion. Unanimously approved.

VI. Weatherize Concord 2020

- Program Launch Status: On-hold for now.
- Meredith has been tweaking Facebook Page. Thanks Meredith!

VII. New Business/Announcements

- a. On the consent agenda is a report on LED Streetlight Program with a recommendation from Brian LeBrun to enter into a MOU with Unitil relative to Unitil’s petition to provide a 0% loan to the city over \$150,000 to support replacement of streetlights with LEDs. This MOU is non-binding, but it shows mutual commitment to move forward with LED streetlighting program. Estimated net benefit is greater than \$600,000. Project would be completed in 2020.

Henry motions to adjourn. Carl seconds. Unanimously approved.