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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
7:00 – 8:30 PM

— MINUTES —

1. Call meeting to order

Present: Colleen, Jim, Jack, Bianca, Mary, Nat, Barbara, Martin, Wayne
Absent:
Guest(s):
Re
Chairing: Mary Downes

2. March Minutes (April was cancelled)

3. Update on Student Intern

- a. Data Collection for Town
- b. Revision Energy
- c. Discussion about a 3-year plan (Energy 360?)
- d. Does Todd have other items?

4. Report on Progress since prior meeting

- a. Energy Goal Setting for Durham- We want to try to proceed using Zoom meetings as a platform- Tuesday nights two weeks from today.
- b. Micro-Grid update
- c. Solar Ordinance – Jim (town council) is proceeding. Very similar to previous iterations. He's proposing that any "enterprise" systems not be allowed in residential, rural or conservation areas, but be limited to commercial/industrial areas.
- d. EV Charging Stations.: Jack showed several bar graphs regarding EV use. General discussion revolved around decreases in energy use due to the coronavirus. Martin shared the webpage of the EIA to show that some forms of energy have dropped sharply (petroleum), but not so much in others (electricity -15%). Electricity use often happens at the margins, which is relatively dirty. Energy use behavior during the coronavirus could be good

material for future Friday updates. Durham residents may be very receptive to this.

- e. Energy aggregation- there will be a meeting with the PUC regarding sharing information on energy aggregation. The town already generates much of its energy (other than the WWTP). The town is currently buying energy for the WWTP from a wind power provider. The impetus for Durham is relatively small, considering the efforts of the town to purchase renewable power. Wayne mentioned that the new DPW director (Richard Rene) has significant background in energy conservation. Waste management is an issue for the town; also non-point source pollution.

- 6. Updates from Other Committees - None were presented; some will be forthcoming.

Henry Herndon has written an article regarding increasing the cap on net metering.

- 7. Next meeting date(s) – June 2, 2020.

- 8. Adjournment at approximately 8:15

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