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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Jack Lannamann. Members present are Jim Lawson, Steve Holmgren, Suzy Loder and Ti Crossman. Members not present are Nat Balch and Bianca Leonard.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Jack Lannamann said he had not seen the minutes of the last meeting on the town website, and that he would be uncomfortable approving them. Jim Lawson said that he would check with Jen Berry about the minutes and getting them posted.
- III. Reports Since Prior Meeting** - Steve Holmgren reported that the Community Power Aggregation subgroup is meeting every other week. At the last meeting they were working on a brochure with Cathy, and he said the results were good and that it would be ready by Earth Day. He will be circulating the final version. There was discussion. He said subgroup members Cathy Fletcher and Rob Sullivan would be attending Earth Day. They will be working on FAQs for the town website.

Jack reported another record month for the EV charging stations with 131 sessions and 1.79 MWH of energy. The greenhouse gas savings were 1,264 kg. The revenue was higher at \$469 for the month. He noted that ChargePoint does have yearly charges, so any profit becomes a wash. He noted that session length has stayed the same at one-hour and thirty to forty minutes, with vehicles not being charged for about 30 minutes. He noted some outliers stay in the spots too long, and noted a car was there 8 hours. He said we could change the fee structure so that parking is not less expensive after the charge is complete. He suggested the charge could be changed to \$2.00 from \$1.00 after the free first 2 hours. That fee is the same as the surrounding parking. If the car is not charging after 3 hours, then the parking fee could be \$3.00. There was discussion, and the

members concurred with Jack Lannamann's recommended changes. Suzy Loder said it would be important to monitor what is happening after the change.

IV. Public Awareness and Community Action Discussion – Earth Day will be April 23rd, and Jack Lannamann noted this was the last meeting before the event. There was a discussion about the event layout and traffic flow and about the logistics and help needed during the setup. There was also discussion about signage and Steve Holmgren thought a banner would be important.

Jack Lannamann reviewed his plans for the solar tour and the stops the tour would make. He and Steve Holmgren could drive if the tour is over subscribed.

There was discussion about what content that would be displayed on posters for the event.

V. New Energy Committee Business – Steve said that Nat Balch is now the alternate to CPC-NH and Mandy Merrill is Durham's representative. He said he didn't know if that had lightened the load on Nat.

VI. Updates from Other Committees – Jim Lawson said he believed that Todd decided to offer Rafidah Rahman the position as Durham's new UNH Sustainability Fellow. He said he spoke with her, and that she was an amazing person.

Jack Lannamann said Steve Pesci is leading the campus group deciding on EV parking, and it made sense for the University and the town to work together. Jack and the working group identified town locations for additional EV chargers at the Pettee Brook lot and the Depot Lot by the train station. He didn't know whether there was an opportunity for DC fast chargers, but noted the benefit for a fast charger at the Depot lot is that it is close to Route 4 and the Dairy Bar. He reviewed this with Todd Selig, and has passed the information on to Steve Pesci.

VII. Meeting Adjournment – Jack Lannamann said the IPCC report came out several days ago and it was mixed news. The bleak news was that we are not on track to hit the 1.5 degrees on-time. However, the report said that more is being done than in any other period, and the report cited the number of cities that have committed to being carbon neutral. He said we need to recognize that Durham is one of those communities that is doing something, and that we are fortunate

we live in such a community. He said he appreciated all the work Energy Committee members are doing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM