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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday May 3, 2022
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1. Call meeting to order
Present: Nat Balch, Bianca Leonard, Steve Holmgren, Jack Lannaman, Jim Lawson
Absent: Ti Crossman, Suzy Loder
Guest(s): Todd Selig
Minute Taker: Bianca Leonard
Chairing: Nat Balch
2. Minutes (review in advance on [DEC website](#)) not yet uploaded
3. Earth Day Commemoration
 - a. Committee Discussions/Reflections – about 100+ people stopped by the event; expectations set for this to be an annual event. Positive vibe from everyone, however possibly inviting other town committees and the rec program to join in the next year. Many questions (solar array, evacuated heat tubes, etc.) on the tours and they were very well attended.
 - b. Durham Day – Consider “Durham Day” as another option for us to participate in the community. (June 4th 1230-230pm) possible sub meeting mid-May to outline the needs. Possibility to recruit additional DEC members.
*task: Jim to contact parks & rec regarding getting the DEC a space for Durham Day
 - c. Archiving this Year’s Work – putting our files on Google Docs to reuse/update for next year
*task: Steve to send out email to collect photos and any other details from the Earth Day event
*task: Steve to report back to vendors details of our event
4. Report on since prior meeting
 - a. Community Power Aggregation- Draft EAP- Steve (sub team meeting 5/4 – update to come after) Currently updating FAQ, and target for public outreach planning will be in the next 2 months. Working on having a support person to answer public questions beyond our reach. Power Point presentation can be fine-tuned. Nat to ask Mandy for updates on CPCNH progression – a condensed version. Tracking PUC progress (suspect mid-May for more information), grants and other documents needed for the CPA
Lebanon’s submission was rejected, what things can we do to ensure ours will be accepted? Tracking PUC progress (suspect mid-May for more information), grants and other documents needed for the CPA.

- b. CPA Internal Review- Jim – suggested him and Steve go over the review and make some changes and additional works needs to be done. Do we move forward and find out what the questions are, or do we anticipate certain questions to address in the moment. Nat would also like to see a copy of the review.
- c. New Hampshire Network.org webinar on May 9th about bringing CPA to your town. Should we share this event with our town to get more information out to the town about our plans? Raising awareness is one thing but getting the actual information about these changes and events is another. Setting a date for the town to have a public information night to hear a presentation and ask questions before a public hearing. Possibly use a 3-5 min video to engage the public on the “why”. Possibly a mailer: letter or postcard but looking at mid to late summer.
- d. EV Charging Stations- Jack – good month – record for the year! 139 sessions, 55 unique drivers (31% increase over last highest month), 1.8 megawatt hours of energy, 1318kg of greenhouse gases reduced (2,900lbs) First 2 hours are free parking for the charging spot, but 18c per kw hour. Discussion about increasing cost of hour 3+ to motivate the cars to vacate the space. Customer demand charges actually are more than we anticipated: 23.8c per kw hour. Additionally, there are other fees: \$3500 warranty and service fee paid every 3 years. Meaning we lost money as a town, not covering our own costs. We want to at minimum break even, looking at about 25c per kw hour. Looking at making sure the space is turned over in an appropriate amount of time – hour 3 being charged \$3 for the space if the vehicle is no longer charging. The following summarizes the current and proposed fee structure:

Existing Pettee Brook Charging structure:

Hours 1-2 no parking fee
Energy fee: \$0.18/kWh
Hour 3 to limit: \$1.00/hr.

Proposal (notice to be given prior to initiation of new fee structure on July 1)

Hours 1-2 no parking fee
Energy fee: \$0.25/kWh
Hour 3 on if car is still charging: \$2.00
If car has stopped drawing current after hour 2, grace period of 1 hour @ \$2.00.
After grace period: \$3.00/hr.

- e. EV Charging Study – expansion of Petty Brook to provide 2 more spots and a spot by the Dairy Bar/Amtrak station parking lot. 3 levels of chargers are available.
5. Public Awareness/Community Action Discussions – see above
- i. Community Outreach- Ideas for future community involvement and information?
6. New Energy Committee business
- a. Discussion regarding DEC chair position opening – Nat intends to step down from chair as of this meeting 5/3/2022. Exciting times are ahead, and he is happy with his

work here, his extended energy positions and plans on continuing as a member of the DEC. Will be available to assist with the new chair(s) and moving forward in our direction.

- b. Nat: moves that Jim Lawson as the new chair with assistance from Steve and Nat when needed. Jim 2nd the motion. Unanimously passed.
- c. Jack: resident asked What role should the energy committee have in proposals for development re: Churchill Parking Lot? Nat: DEC is an advisory committee, not a regulatory committee. We have the opportunity to sit in on reviews.

7. Updates from Other Committees

8. Next meeting date(s) June 7, 2022

9. Adjournment Nat: motion to adjourn, everyone 2nds. 9:02pm adjourned.