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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 PM
—Final Minutes—

Attendance:

Present: Jim Lawson, Nat Balch, Ti Crossman, Townsend Zwart, Steve Holmgren, Jack Lannamann, Mike Klein
Present virtually: Emily Friedrichs
Absent: Bianca Leonard, Matt Davis
Others Present: Todd Selig

Jim Lawson asked for members to introduce themselves and to approve Emily Friedrichs' virtual participation. Emily Friedrichs' participation was approved unanimously 8-0.

Steve Holmgren proposed amending the agenda so that a CPCNH update is provided under Item 6. Nat Balch made a motion to approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Jack Lannamann and passed unanimously 8-0

Earth Day Event Planning

The committee discussed a proposed list of tasks and activities needed to be accomplished for the Earth Day Event.

1. Event focus areas including weatherization, residential solar, benefits available from the Inflation Reduction Act and an Electric Vehicle display.
2. Locating the event at 66 Main Street.
3. Involvement of other committees and commissions such as agriculture, conservation and the IWMAC.
4. Involving other groups in the community including the ORCSD and UNH.
5. Possible vendor participation in key areas such as Heat Pump technology.
6. Event promotion.

Elevate Web-Based IRA Information Tool

Emily Friedrichs provided an update on the tool's continued development and how it would make evaluating Inflation Reduction Act benefits easier for residents and other

users. Committee members discussed the tool, and provided positive feedback and some suggestions.

General Updates

Jim Lawson updated the committee that the UNH sustainability fellow was completing her engagement with the town, and that he and Mr. Selig had interviewed two candidates for next year. He said next year the fellow would be focusing on an updated greenhouse gas inventory. He reminded the committee that the Town Council will be making committee assignments at the next meeting, and that he served on the Energy Committee at the will of the Council.

Steve Holmgren said CPCNH efforts are continuing statewide and there are 10 communities committed to wave 1, and that Durham is taking a wait-and-see position. He said CPCNH will be in a bid selection process next week and then rates will be set. Jim Lawson said he wasn't aware the Nashua had moved into Wave 1. Steve Holmgren said we need to decide what the messaging to the community would be. Todd Selig said CPCNH was a great program, but the town wanted to see how things rolled out. He talked further about the significance of what CPCNH had accomplished.

Mike Klein talked about his experience switching to an alternative electric supplier. He said he could make a presentation about his experience with Eversource's time of use program,.

Jack Lannamann said the EV Charging Station had been back online for 30 days since the power outage and provided 1.2MWH of energy. The greenhouse gas saving was 1,184 kg. He said sessions are down 35% from a year ago, possibly because the station had not been available for a period of time.

Todd Selig said the draft of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is being reviewed by the NH Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. He said the Climate Change Chapter update for the Master Plan is ready to bring to the Planning Board.

Minutes

Nat Balch made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. Ti Crossman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44.