

**Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:00pm**

Attendees:

	Jim Pyle – Community Member		Jeff LaFleur – Solid Waste Manager, DPW
xx	Arden Cala- Business Member	x	Deb Chisholm- Waterways Manager
x	Gary Lambert- Community Member	x	Justin Kates- Director of Emergency Management
x	Sylvie Stewart – Community Member		Cecilia Ulibarri- Mayor’s liaison
x	Doria Brown- Worthen Industries Sustainability Coordinator, Chairwoman		Sarah Marchant- Director of Community Development
x	Bob Hayden, Standard Power		Shoshanna Kelly- Alderwoman-at-Large
x	Brendan McMahon – Student Member		Jan Schmidt- Alderman
x	Colin McMahon – Student Member		

X – in attendance

XX – attendance by phone

Members of the public in attendance: Peter Schaefer and Christian Hughes and dad.

Doria called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 8/15/19 meeting minutes

Deb made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Justin seconded. All were in favor.

2. Subcommittee Updates

a. Composting- Shoshanna and Gary

No update.

b. Electric Vehicles

Jim, Bob, Colin and Brendan

Colin reminded people about the EV event on Saturday at the Library. Electrify Nashua will have a table. Discussion about special plates for electric vehicles, similar to Massachusetts. Gary tried bringing legislation for a Patriots plate as a State Rep. He suggested people do their homework on what’s needed to get the ball rolling. There is currently a decal plate available that has a space where a decal can be placed. The decals are sold by the 501c3 organizations that have been approved by the legislature.

c. Paper Reduction

Deb and Justin

No update.

d. Single-use Plastic Reduction

Sylvie and Doria

Sylvie suggested giving a shout out perhaps monthly on the EEC webpage to businesses that have made efforts to reduce plastic use. Doria would like to apply to the same organization that provided us funds for recycling bins for reusable cold cups. We could have the cups printed with a message and provide

the cold cups to businesses to give out to patrons so they can use a reusable cup. We could use them to increase public awareness.

e. Emissions and renewables

Arden

No update

f. Solarize + campaign organization

Bob suggested he, Deb and Doria (the subcommittee) schedule a meeting with Arden to gather information on how best to run the program next year. We will need to put out an RFP for a solar installer, so we will need to start quickly.

Mr. Schaefer asked if there are building codes in place that would require new buildings to be built with the ability to support solar installation in the future. Many new residential developments are on the horizon in his neighborhood off East Hollis Street and he is hoping people are planning ahead since these buildings will be around for the next 50 years.

3. Legislative Update

Bob provided an update on some of the energy-related bills. HB365 was vetoed by Governor Sununu and was not overturned during yesterday's veto override day. This would have allowed the City to net meter more of the power generated by the 3MW Mine Falls hydroelectric facility. SB72 and HB183 also were vetoed by the Governor and not overridden yesterday. SB286 (Municipal Aggregation) and SB165 (low income solar) passed the legislature and were not vetoed by the Governor and will be legislation the City will consider taking advantage of. Municipal Aggregation (aka Community Choice) is a program the City is researching to determine the best way to implement for the City. The City of Lebanon is well underway in determining the best way to implement their program. The low income solar could be a program we research to see if we can combine it with our Solarize+ campaign. Justin suggested we look at Enterprise Community Partners relative to multifamily housing solar and storage.

4. Municipal Solar project

Deb gave an update on the municipal solar project she has been working on with ReVision Energy. The City and ReVision Energy are both reviewing and revising the Power Purchase Agreement. The current schedule shows installation beginning at the Lake Street Fire Station on October 7th.

5. EE Committee website update

Doria provided a (paper) handout containing a new committee description and some suggestions on reorganizing the current layout in order to include the committee's Alderman-approved goals and project information to be updated perhaps seasonally. Sylvie's suggestion in 2.d above regarding a business shout out may also be included in the new layout.

6. Other Business

Sylvie updated us that she donated bicycle to the Gate City Bike Coop who will repair and donate it. <https://gatecitybikecoop.org/>

Deb suggested that the Committee develop an energy strategy plan to use to attain the goals we have set.

Doria announced she will have to step down as the Chair of the Committee as she will be the City's new Energy Manager beginning October 7th. This will create an opening on the committee for a Business member. Deb mentioned there is legislation being proposed that will switch the staff person supporting the Environment and Energy Committee from the Waterways Manager to the Energy Manager. The Waterways Manager will become the designee to the committee of the Director of Community Development.

A motion was made to create a subcommittee for Community Choice (Municipal Aggregation). The motion passed and Bob, Deb and Doria requested to be on the committee.

7. Review of Next Steps

<i>No.</i>	<i>Next Step/Question</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	trail dates at mines falls. Collaborate for an event		Oct 19 Nov 5	Post/ advertise
	Write paper reduction campaign	Deb		Get suggestions from Dan
	Populate portfolio manager and enter greenhouse gas	Doria	monthly	
	Website development	Deb		
	Building codes	Deb	October 19	Check with Bill McKinney on new 2015 Building Codes and energy
	Organize a summit of EE committees	Doria and Deb		
	Develop a timeline for Solarize+ campaign	Doria, Bob, Arden and Deb	Next week	
	Investigate EV license plates	EV subcommittee	October 19	Colin will take the lead

8. Upcoming Events

- a. September 23 – 27 Clean Energy Week
- b. November 15 - Local Energy Solutions Conference, Grappone Center, Concord. 8am – 4:30 pm

Next Meeting Date and time: October 17, 2019 6pm-8pm

Gary moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Bob seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by Deb Chisholm