

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for February 19, 2016

Attendees:

Board members: Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Rick Minard (NH OEP); Donald Kreis (OCA); Steve Eckberg for Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Jeffrey Cyr (Fire Marshall's Office); Rep. Chuck Townsend (NH House); Ben Frost (NH Housing & Finance); Laura Richardson (Jordan Institute); Kate Epsen (NHSEA); Karen Rantamaki (NHDAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC)

Guests: Brianna Brand (NH PUC); Chris Skoglund (NH DES); Heather Tebbetts (Liberty Utilities); Bob Reals (Liberty Utilities); Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Paul Leveille (Jordan Institute/Resilient Buildings Group); Michael Loughlin (Eversource); Jodie Lucci (LighTec); Henry Herndon (UNH);

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting started at 9:05 am
2. **Approval of Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes from January 15, 2016 were approved. Final notes posted on the PUC's website.
3. **EESE Board Administration:**
 - a. Congratulations to Kate Peters for being named to the Union Leader's "40 under Forty" program for her diverse career accomplishments!
 - b. Congratulations to Kate Epsen and the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association (NHSEA) for being awarded the "Conservation Partner" Award by the Nature Conservancy!
4. **NH Building Codes Presentation:**

Laura Richardson of The Jordan Institute and Paul Leveille of Resilient Buildings Group gave a presentation on NH Building Codes, including the purpose of the codes, an overview of the general process of adoption, changes to the residential and commercial codes, and current challenges. The presentation was well received by the board, with a short discussion about the reasons for changes to the codes. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage.
5. **Electric Vehicle Initiative Presentation:**

Becky Ohler from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services gave a detailed presentation on Electric Vehicle (EV) Initiatives in the state and surrounding region. As transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions in NH (45%), development of the EV industry and infrastructure is of importance to the state. The presentation included relevant policies geared toward increasing the presence and practicality of EV in the state, collaborative efforts with surrounding states and regions, and ways to meet GHG reduction goals. There was also a brief

discussion of IR 15-510, relating to the resale of electricity by EV charging stations. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage.

6. Legislative Updates:

Rather than list all relevant bills, board members were given the opportunity to discuss any bills they were following, working on, or felt important to bring to the attention of the board. Several topics were mentioned that are currently facing the NH Legislature. These included a bill that would impose a tax on the purchase of EV, multiple bills dealing with the RPS, multiple bills relevant to the net metering cap, a bill on building codes, a bill to authorize a Stirling engine system project in a state building, and a bill seeking to reduce the sulfur content in home heating fuel.

7. Board, Agency and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - A public comment hearing has been scheduled for March 3, 2016 at 10:00 am in regards to changes to the Commercial and Industrial Solar Rebate Program (DE 10-212). Written comments may be submitted until March 7, 2016.
 - The Sustainable Energy Division has secured the opportunity to host a fellow from the University of New Hampshire's Sustainability Institute. The fellow will be responsible for completing a study on the impact of renewable energy and the RPS in NH over ten weeks this summer. Selection of the fellow to follow.
- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
 - OEP has been involved with the Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP) through the Dept. of Homeland Security.
 - OEP is currently in the process of re-staffing.
 - OEP continues to work with DES on energy benchmarking for municipality wastewater treatment facilities.

8. Next Meeting:

- **March 18, 2016-** at the Public Utilities Commission. Topics include CORE Program Updates and a presentation on state buildings.

9. Adjourned at 11:45 am