

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**January 25, 2018**  
**ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES**

A meeting of the Bedford Energy Commission was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Andrew Gillis (Vice Chair), Jeff Kerr, Alexander Joy, Kevin Flynn, Chris Bandazian (Town Council Liaison) Absent: Shana Potvin (Chair), John Russell, Bill Foote (School Board), Catherine Rombeau (Town Council Alternate Liaison)

Vice Chairman Gillis opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**A. Legislation to Notice:**

Councilor Bandazian mentioned HB 559, stating that the finance hearing was very tough and undecided because it would raise the school cap from \$2 million to \$5 million. This bill has helped the geothermal project so Councilor Bandazian thinks it would be very helpful to the schools.

**B. 2017 Focus Areas:**

**1. Green Resident Award – GDS New Hampshire Home Energy Score Pilot**

Mr. Joy updated that there is no progress on this as they are looking at Green Business first.

**2. Website updates:**

Councilor Bandazian wants to verify that businesses in Bedford take recycling, such as Hannaford, Target, etc. so they can be thanked on the Bedford website and Facebook page.

Mr. Gillis also wants to put a list on the website on what businesses recycle so the Town and residents are aware.

**3. Solar:**

Councilor Bandazian mentioned the survey that will be conducted to the 93 people in Bedford that have solar.

Mr. Kerr stated that there should be an RFP done to get the solar purchase going. The RFP has not been done yet though as Councilor Bandazian would like to follow up with Encore first.

**a) Grants for PV display @ Transfer Station – NHCF express grant deadline for 2018 applications is March 30, 2018**

Councilor Bandazian mentioned how progress is being made on the express grant.

**b) Encore, VT solar installer – any word from them?**

Councilor Bandazian mentioned that he needs to follow up with Encore so he has nothing to update. Encore is a company working on the expansion of the library parking lot and transfer station. The problem is the area is in the historical district so Councilor Bandazian is unsure if there will be uncertainty about the expansion.

**4. School Projects possibilities:**

- a) Update from School Board on feasibility Study of Energy Performance of Bedford Schools – potential energy warrant?

\$93,000 energy study of all school buildings will be on the upcoming ballot so voters can vote on if they want that done.

- b) Compostable trays in schools – No update

**5. Green Business Award:** No update

**6. Recycling bins at town pool/town fields/schools –** No update

**7. Portfolio Manager –** No update

**8. Soft plastics recycling**

Councilor Bandazian mentioned that the cost of recycling has gone up due to market conditions. He pointed out that there is less waste, but the recycling is costing more.

**9. LED street lights**

The winning bid was lower than expected and includes construction/traffic control while those lights are being changed. The money for the lights will be from the 2017 budget.

**C. Old Business:** None

**D. New Business:**

Eversource is back giving automatic updates for the library. The November bill for the town buildings was higher than in December, but Councilor Bandazian said that's not abnormal with the cold weather.

Mr. Gillis would like to follow up with companies and see if they give any incentives for recycling batteries, laptops, etc.

**F. Reminders:**

- 1. Upcoming meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**G. Adjournment:**

**MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion was duly seconded. Vote taken – All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by  
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