

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

RSA 125-O:5-a

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10

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Draft Minutes for April 21, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Donald M. Kreis (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Chris Ellms (DOE); Representative Michael Vose (NH House of Representatives); Rep. Kat McGhee (NH House of Representatives); Mark Sanborn (DES); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Jack Ruderman (NH Housing & Finance Authority); Philip Biron (NH State Fire Marshalls Office); Chris Moore (State Energy Manager) via Teams;

Non-voting Participants: Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Matthew Siska (GDS Associates); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Carol Woods (NHEC) via Teams; Scott Maslansky (CDFA) via Teams

Others: Jody Carmody (DOE), Amanda Noonan (DOE) via Teams; Erin Cosgrove (NEEP) via Teams; Philip LaMoreaux (DES) via Teams; Mary Downs (Unitil) via Teams; Matt O'Keefe via Teams; Cimbria Badenhausen via Teams; Carol Mains via Teams; Dalal Aditi via Teams; Meredith Hatfield via Teams; Brendan Flaherty via Teams; Erica Horn (DOE); Chris Skoglund (

The meeting was held in person at the New Hampshire Department Energy with remote call-in and video capability. Mark Sanborn called the meeting to order at 9:03am

1. Greetings and Roll Call
2. Review of Draft Minutes from March meeting of the EESE Board
 - Motion by Cindy Carroll and seconded by Ryan Clouthier to approve March minutes.
3. NH Department of Energy presentation of Gulf of Maine Offshore Wind Update
 - Presentation on Website
 - Q. – What role does this technology play in our Energy Future? And how will it mean for the ratepayer?
4. Board & Program Updates
 - Legislative Activities
 - i. Amended and passed Senate Bill 113 re: 65% limit applies annually and it removes the 0.25% adder.

- ii. Seven bills went on the consent calendar with widespread agreement from committee members that they are all good bills. Three will go to the House floor without recommendation.
 - iii. Senate Bill 54 was held the subcommittee and going take a close look.
 - iv. Grid modernization bill SB 166 sent to consent calendar.
 - v. Some low moderate-income bills for sustainable energy passed as well.
- Department of Energy
 - i. The DOE received several proposals in the nonresidential competitive grants program. The department is in the process of contracting for them.
 - ii. Same for the LMI grant program.
 - iii. All of the programs with the exception of the residential solar rebate program are currently open.
 - iv. The Department is in the process of applying for the early administrative funds for the IRA rebate programs.
 - v. Application for the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund is due by May 4th. This funding will be used to offer loan funding for energy efficiency improvements.
 - vi. EECBG formula program – NH is eligible for 1 ½ million dollars and the 10 largest municipalities will get some of the money as well as some counties. There is a pretty broad eligibility use for these dollars and the department has to apply by July 31st.
- Department of Environmental Services
 - i. There is a lot of funding for the EV charging infrastructure.
 - ii. NHDOT is leading on the NEVI which is a formula-based program in NH which got 17 million for the next 5 years.
 - iii. The administration recently released 700 million in additional funding, and it is split into two parts. 350 million is focused on corridors and to have charging stations no more than 50 miles apart.
 - iv. Two packages are being prepared 1) Good ready corridor program and 2) good ready community-based projects. These will be the application to USDOT.
- Energy Efficiency Committee
 - i. Discussion on EV charging stations, possibly the need for legislative help. There is working group of industry and state agencies doing a some advocacy work
 - ii. There was talk of RSA 268, the 1040 Commission and Senate Bill 52.
 - iii. Discussion on the timing of when/if SB 113 were to become law – time challenges with when the utilities have to file their plans.

- Outreach and Education
 - i. The committee is working on the RFP for a marketing partner to promulgate the benefits of energy efficiency. Paper responses for benchmarking survey RFP are under review.
 - ii. It is anticipated that a selection for a vendor will be made by May.
 - EM&V Working Group
 - i. Progress moving forward
5. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:06
A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn was made by the Bruce Clendenning and seconded by Chris Skoglund