

MINUTES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Meeting held at Legislative Office Building Room 305-307

Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Friday, September 19, 2014 1:00pm

Attendees:

Board members non-voting: Kate Peters (PSNH, Acting Chair); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Tom Palma (Unitil); Craig Snow (NHEC)

Board Members voting: Kevin Peterson for Deborah Schachter (NHCF); Karen Cramton (OEP); Stephen Eckberg for Jack Ruderman (PUC-SED); Mike Fitzgerald (NHDES); Kate Epsen (NHSEA); Susan Chamberlain (NHOCA); Dennis Labbe (NHLA); Dana Nute (for Laura Richardson of Jordan Institute); Karen Rantamaki – State Energy Manager; Matt Labonte (State Fire Marshal’s Office); Rep. Chuck Townsend; Jeff Kelly (NH Home Builders); Theresa Swanick (NH Municipal); Brian Ramsey (BIA)

Also attending: Meredith Hatfield(OEP); Jodi Lucie (Lightec); Jim Grady (Lightec); Scott Albert (GDS Assoc.); Chris Skoglund (NHDES); Becky Ohler (NHDES); Jim O’Brien (Nature Conservancy); Robert Scott (NH PUC); Alexander Spiedel (NH PUC); Rep. James Devine (NH House); Rep. Ian Raymond (NH House); Mark Luckes(Johnson Controls); Katie Stock (CLF); David Shulock (NH PUC); Ben Barrington (Navigant); Janet Ward; Richard Parsons (RYP); Joel Anderson (NH House Staff)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced at 1:05 PM.

2. Minutes of July EESE Board Meeting.

July Draft minutes were reviewed and adopted by the Board.

3. Board Leadership.

Current acting Board Chair Kate Peters will begin maternity leave shortly . Mike Fitzgerald expressed willingness to serve as acting chair. Board voted to approve Mike Fitzgerald as EESE Board Acting Chair.

4. Fall Schedule & Board Work

October Meeting to be Thursday October 16 from 9-12 (regular time) with location TBD.

5. Board and Program Updates.

- a. Outreach & Education Committee
- b. Legislative. Rep. Townsend indicated that LSR's for 2015 Legislative Session can be filed now. If any parties are considering bills related to energy issues they can be discussed with current members of ST&E Committee in advance of November election. The period to file LSRs extends several weeks past election date.
- c. PUC. Steve Eckberg of Sustainable Energy Division shared several items: today (9/19/14) is closing date for Renewable Energy Fund's 2014 C&I RFP. Expecting a lot of responses. Last year there were 35. On Sept. 26 at 1:30 at PUC there will be a Public Meeting to take input on potential changes to C&I Solar Rebate Program. Just over \$17million in Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) received for 2013 RPS compliance year which ended June 30, 2014. There is a report with details posted on PUC-SED web page. PUC's Electric Division shares 2 items: EERS draft report is moving through internal review and soon ready for consumption. And electric & natural gas utilities have filed 2015-2016 two year plan for CORE energy efficiency programs. See PUC docket DE 14-126 at PUC website.

Commissioner Scott noted that last winter the region saw wide fluctuations in energy prices. Same is likely to occur again this winter. There is regional collaboration among PUC, NEEP, others on messaging of how to prepare for winter energy price impacts/issues.

- d. OEP. Karen Cramton shared several items including: LIHEAP/FAP funding level is uncertain but the application process is open; DOE funded Weatherization program is roughly level funded – working to get contracts out to Community Action Agencies who deliver the program. State Energy Program (SEP) grant looking at transportation sector issues & working with DAS to address energy use in state buildings.
 - e. Other. Mike F. of DES discussed several items including comment period on EPA carbon emission rules – regional group working together to address this. Also State Gov. Energy Committee from HB 1129 looking to evaluate progress on compliance with earlier NH Executive Order reducing energy use in state gov. buildings.
6. Board members are invited to stay for meeting of State Energy Advisory Council in this same room at 2:00PM. OEP will present the final version of recent report “New Hampshire State Energy Strategy.”
 7. Meeting officially adjourned at 1:40PM.