

Energy Committee Minutes

January 8, 2020

7 – 8:30 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

In Attendance: EC members: Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Ethan Lisle, John Quinney. Planning Liaison: Gerald Boucher. Guests: Daniel Jarred.

- 1. December Minutes reviewed & approved**
- 2. Park & ride discussion incl. report back from train station visit & trails committee liaison.**
 - a. Charlotte Train Station: Deirdre, Matt, Suzy, and Rebecca** visited to review location and infrastructure. Slightly rundown but seems to enjoy minimal maintenance. Ideas to bring attention of station to Charlotters.
 - b. Action:** Invite Deb Sachs of GO! Vermont to March meeting to brainstorm about pop up event and potential use eg. park and ride.
 - c. Flea market visit - Rebecca, Suzy, and Deirdre.** Good potential opportunities for park & ride, possibly with solar, next to new business. Access may be an issue.
 - d. Action:** Matt to follow up with VTrans about status of potential park & ride sites (eg flea market site and train station)
- 3. Report back on December Climate caucus meeting at Senior Center**
 - a. Co-sponsored and promoted by EC. About a hundred people attended.
 - b. Action: Invite Mike Y for future educational session
- 4. Conference Reports.**
 - a. Suzy reported back re VECAN. Discussion around forestry, and how vital the maintenance of the forests in VT are as far most effective at carbon sequestration.
 - b. Daniel Jarred shared information about VNRC Climate Dispatch.
- 5. Solar Update**
 - a. The effort to put solar panels on the library failed due to regulations by the state fire marshal. The alternative is for Town to purchase renewable energy from Green Lantern from an already developed solar site. Contract will be reviewed by Town. SB agenda item for January 27 meeting.

6. Budget update & budget spend

- a. \$3,400 remaining in our '19-'20 budget.

7. Discuss and update EC priorities

- a. Town Plan was completed.
- b. Library energy dashboard device.
- c. Fire & Rescue weatherization & Senior Center roof
- d. Funds for LED lightbulbs/fixtures and solar
- e. Education sessions:
 - i. Stretch codes - Matt Sargent - Action: Suzy
 - ii. Residential scale wind - Action: Deirdre
 - iii. Green Open Home Tour - Action - Rebecca to invite New Frameworks
 - iv. Forestry and Sustainable Energy - Suzy to invite Ethan Tapper
- f. Fossil Free Jamboree
- g. District-wide sustainability committee start with Charlotte - Action: Ethan

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Lisle