

Energy Committee Minutes

December 5, 2017

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Town Hall

Attending: Members Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Bill Kallock, John Quinney.

- 1) Reviewed agenda
- 2) Housekeeping
 - a) Nov meeting minutes approved.
 - b) Rebecca and Suzy as co-chairs will alternate facilitating meetings.
 - c) Rebecca suggested rotating minute taking starting immediately. All agreed. Rebecca will do January minutes; Matt will do February minutes.
 - d) Rebecca suggested an additional meeting for strategic planning for the committee. Date to be determined via email.
- 3) Meeting with Planning Commission on 11/16 report – Attended by Matt, John, Deirdre, Rebecca regarding Act 174. We discussed roles of various groups involved: EC, PC, RPC. Matt provided update that RPC's Energy Plan expected by April. Charlotte will not get ahead of the RPC process. A subcommittee of PC (Marty and Peter) and EC (Matt, Rebecca, Deirdre) and Jim Donovan will look specifically at the Charlotte Town Plan's Energy Plan. Placeholder language has been submitted for inclusion at March 2018 town meeting. Updated Energy Plan language will be submitted later in 2018.
- 4) Button up events review – 2 events at library, and 1 at Deirdre's house with 15-20 people at each event, similar demographic. Bill suggested we plan future events with more lead time and cover more topics at a event. Some discussion about Button Up campaign and the Vermont Community Energy Dashboard and most effective ways to engage with each.
- 5) VECAN 12/2 report – John and Suzy attended. Weatherize Upper Valley Campaign may have some applicable elements. Suzy recalled EC has done energy visits with Efficiency Vermont - we need a partner (with funding) to take on the bulk on the work.
- 6) Collaborating with ECs from neighboring towns and other town committees and groups. Agreement that we would value improved communication and collaboration with others. Announce that Transition Town Charlotte has organized Green Drinks at the Hinesburgh Public House on January 9.

Group	Possible Liaison
Transition Town	Rebecca
CCS Sustainability Cmt	Deirdre
Planning Commission	Matt

Conservation Cmt	Rebecca
Trails Cmt	Suzy
Recreation Cmt	Bill
Lewis Creek Association	
CSWD	
Library	Deirdre
Senior Center	
Charlotte Land Trust	
Hinesburg EC	Suzy
(North) Ferrisburgh EC	
Shelburne EC (encourage)	Bill

- 7) Resolution campaign – Rebecca shared 350.orgVT’s resolution to prevent any future fossil fuel projects.
- 8) Vermont Council on Rural Development opportunity (www.vtrural.org/model-communities) – Matt updated that Middlebury and Pownal are selected towns for this year. Would Charlotte want to apply. Dec 18 deadline for next round.
- 9) Website - John will look at websites of other EC for ideas for Charlotte’s site.
- 10) In past EC has purchased weatherization materials. Previously worked with CVU students to teach homeowners how to install. For now Bill will donate leftover materials to food shelf.
- 11) Suzy met with Jeff Forward, Facilities Director for Chittenden East. He may be a good contact for Chris Giard at CCS.
- 12) Discussion about large-scale developments which are proposed to town and role EC could play. Short discussion about Maplefields and Wildflower farm proposals currently in application process.
- 13) Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Holmes