

Charlotte Energy Committee Meeting

Sept 10, 2104 7pm – 8:15pm

In Attendance: Rebecca Foster, Jen Chiodo, David Pill, Suzy Hodgson, and Catherine Hughes, Gerald Bouchard (planning liaison) and Bonnie Christie (Charlotte Library Board)

New Committee Member Suzy reported that CVU student Laurel Jaunich is interested in joining Committee as the student rep. She had planned on meeting Committee members tonight but is running temperature. Laurel is currently in her junior year so potentially can serve on Committee for two years and undertake a grad challenge related to Committee work.

Town Library: Jen reported on the benefits and life cycle cost savings of undertaking the Library roof upgrades. Her summary was based on the recently completed GWR consultant's report. In addition to cost savings, the library would be more comfortable for staff and all Charlotters using the library. Insulation system improvements are also likely to increase the longevity of the new roof. Bonnie reported that the Library Board had received four bids on the work but they were like comparing apples and oranges. She said that any decision on the roof upgrade would not be made until next year. On the other hand, efficient lighting improvements such as motion sensors could likely be made in the current library's operational budget. Bonne commented that it's just as important to raise awareness among Charlotters about other benefits of roof upgrades beyond the financial cost savings. These include improved comfort and reduced carbon footprint.

Cold Climate Heat Pump Session. This session is schedule for Thursday, September 25 from 7 pm – 8:30 at Charlotte Library. Bill Kallock will be leading

the session with a homeowner's perspective on living with air-source heat pump and will show two years of performance data.

Town Plan Rebecca circulated some additions and improvements to the draft Energy section of the Town Plan. All committee members really appreciated Rebecca's work and decided that these edits/additions are important. Gerald reported that the Planning Committee would need these edits by Sept 25.

ACTIONS

- Jennifer to confirm with Dean and circulate whether Library Roof upgrade discussion is on SB Monday agenda. David to attend tbc
- Rebecca to circulate draft Energy plan update based on the agreed wording changes discussed during the meeting.
- ALL Committee members to review this draft and send back to Rebecca with comments/edits by Monday, September 15.

On-going - Bill to research and report back on costs of meters.

Upcoming Events:

Heat Pump workshop - Thursday, September 25 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Charlotte library

Button up day of Action – Nov 1

VECAN conference – Saturday, December 6,

