

Charlotte Town Energy Planning Group Meeting

28 February 2018

In attendance: Emily Nosse-Leirer (CCRPC), Peter Joslin (Planning), Deirdre Holmes (Energy), Matthew Burke (Energy), Daryl Benoit (Town Planner)

Background

- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) has provided an [updated energy data guide](#)
- The existing town plan up for adoption at Town Meeting on 6 March
- The Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) will need to approve the ECOS Plan to allow CCRPC to approve the town energy plan
- Terms of contract for assistance require CCRPC to deliver draft updates to PC/EC by July 15; 50 hours of staff time including map edits
- Deliverables:
 - To match format of existing town plan
 - Additions to energy chapters, also text for other relevant sections (e.g., transportation)

Discussion

- Update to energy plan will include data analysis & targets, implementation actions, maps
- Updates to existing land use regulations may also be required to provide clear basis for Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- PUC will look more at the town plan than land use regulations
- Are town plans becoming more regulatory? Can the town plan reference land use regulations? TBD
- Need to clearly communicate the town's intentions to PUC to support decision
- Energy chapters: we assume more detail in Energy Today
- Preferred sites can be included
 - Need to be specific and clear, e.g., indicated on maps and/or a table/list
 - Once identified, these sites become preferred site for net metering
 - Private lots may be identified, and owners may seek designation; how to communicate?
- Emily will begin by reviewing and editing the existing plan
 - Also land use regulations
 - Options for improving maps depending on our needs, e.g., indicating additional constraints or preferred sites
 - Reminder that any constraints must apply equally to all development
- Ensure full citations in updates and provide means to access underlying data and LEAP model/methodology
- Consider including an FAQ sections based on public input received during process of updating
- Energy Committee likely best positioned to guide implementation measures

- Important to consider integration with forest protection and planning
- Once determination of compliance received, the next review of town energy plan likely in 6-8 years, i.e., in preparation for the next town plan update

Next steps

- Review of existing plan, provide revisions and responses to questions
- Emily will provide draft by 19 March
- Energy planning group will provide comments via email by 2 April
- Meeting again soon after
- All communications for energy planning will be sent to the group email now in use