

Energy Committee Minutes

October 3, 2018

7 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

In attendance: Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Ethan Lisle, David Pill, John Quinney.

- 1) Review agenda
- 2) Personal check-ins
- 3) Minutes of 9/11/18 approved with suggested change.
- 4) Follow-up on to-do's from September mtg not related to agenda items
 - a) Rebecca learned about the VW funds and passed along to Margaret who plans to apply on behalf of the library.
- 5) Budget 2019-20
 - a) "Energy efficiency services for Charlotte town buildings" refers to EC's longterm mission to improve all town bldgs, not a particular project or bldg. The line could be limitless, but we'll leave it as-is on the assumption that it would serve a supplementary role in any improvement, and that this is a longterm project. Possibilities for these funds include a follow-up audit on the Senior Center to verify its performance; further work with the library; new work with the fire station.
 - b) "Support for implementation of energy-related initiatives, e.g. Act174" could be used for multiple directives in the Town Plan implementation table, i.e., outdoor lighting, charging stations, energy audits, weatherization, renewable energy generation, etc. Again, this could be a higher number, but we'll start here and request more if needed with a particular proposal. At end of this year or early next the EC will discuss what its priority should be in this category for the coming year.
 - c) This budget is approved for distribution to the SB, which will discuss it on 10/8/18 with Rebecca, Suzy, John, and Deirdre in attendance.
 - d) John is voted in as our new treasurer who will make at least quarterly reports and track our progress through the annual budget. Suzy will call Mary to introduce John.
- 6) Annual report for the Town Report will be handled by Suzy and Rebecca, due in November, copy to EC.
- 7) Working group reports
 - a) Public education—Button-Up
 - i) John reports that campaign to upload heat pump stories to Dashboard will not be supported by EV. Q: do we persevere with the same project, do a different project/event, or do no project/event for Button-Up? In consideration of the timeline, we will do no project/event. Instead, John will ask Paul at EV for a press release and Suzy will write an article for Charlotte News re Button-Up.
 - b) Act 174
 - i) Go over document of removed items, decide not to request the PC to re-incorporate any of those deletions. The EC will keep the doc as a living document and assess as time goes on what other changes to the TP from the EC perspective might be desirable.

- ii) EC would like two changes to the “Tomorrow” section. Rebecca will write to the PC about those points before the 10/4/18 meeting.
 - iii) Discussion on whether a Yes campaign is warranted or desired. Decide to be prepared to respond to questions/concerns but not to initiate a public discussion.
 - iv) John will go to the PC mtg on 10/4.
- 8) Check-in that 1/2/19 meeting works for majority—not resolved, must follow-up via email.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Foster