

Energy Committee Minutes

November 7, 2017

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Town Hall

Attending: Members Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Bill Kallock, Megan Mahoney, John Quinney, and David Pill. Guests Rob Fish, Energy Action Network; Ian Hitchcock, Americorps at VECAN; and Evan Osler, Charlotte.

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Agenda reviewed
- 3) Button up events at the library
 - a) At each event we'll provide a sign-up sheet; Dashboard sign-up sheet; Lewis Creek raffle sign-up. After people sign up they can get a free light bulb.
 - b) November 15th, Bill to talk about heat pumps, and John Quinney will speak as well; Suzy introduces.
 - c) November 29th for solar session; Suzy introduces.
- 4) Rob Fish explains new elements of the Community Energy Dashboard
 - a) They have found that towns want to be able to set and track goals, i.e., create heat maps. Therefore they have a new tool in conjunction with ButtonUp called "Campaigns". One can report actions taken as well as make pledges. It is helpful to gather from the pledges what people are interested in taking action on. Ian Hitchcock from AmeriCorps at VECAN demonstrated how to add an action to the Dashboard.
 - b) Other changes to the Dashboard: one can save and share maps; layers have been added to the Atlas, including Act 174 constraints; they have added in 2015 data to the site.
 - c) UVM will be evaluating the data gathered on the site.
- 5) Annual VECAN conference is 12/2/17.
- 6) Discuss 10/3/17 minutes and approve after changes. Rebecca to post on town website.
- 7) Budget 2018-2019 prep for SB mtg on 11/13/17; Suzy to send tonight's approved budget of \$4,000 to Dean tomorrow. Rebecca will attend SB mtg.
 - a) Most lines stay the same as previous year.
 - b) For the large sum of \$2750 that we put into projects we will take out \$1,000 for a NEGEF matching grant.
 - c) Diversion to discuss this year's project funds: We'll use it for the library if it helps advance their efficiency plans; if the expansion does not move forward then we'll use it for the Fire Station. We will not do both projects; we should know about the library no later than March.
- 8) Meeting with PC 11/16 – Rebecca, Deirdre, John, and Matt if possible will go.
- 9) Library update from David
 - a) The library is still in discussion with the SB about the extension; whether or

not it is going to happen has not been decided.

- b) The architect assigned to the project spoke in minimally ambitious terms of “an energy code” building, which is not sufficient. A more ambitious building, even if it’s more expensive, would be easier to raise money for.
- 10) Deirdre met with Stephanie Sumner, CCS principal, and Chris Giard, the new facilities director. They are interested in collaborating with us on projects. Chris will be conducting a full audit of the school and creating a detailed work plan. Chris came from the Sustainability Academy in Burlington where he oversaw efficiency changes at that building. They’re excited about solar as well, with the curriculum tie-in and possibly an EV charging station.
- 11) Announcement that a fossil fuel free Town Meeting Day resolution will be circulated in the next few weeks for discussion at the next meeting.
- 12) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Foster

Bike rack/next meeting:

- 1) Collaborating with ECs from neighboring towns
- 2) Fossil fuel free resolution

New action items:

- Rebecca post October minutes
- Suzy sent 2018-2019 budget to Dean
- Everyone go to the PC meeting on the 16th and the events on the 15th and 29th