

Charlotte Energy Committee Minutes
Feb 5, 2020
Charlotte Town Hall
7-8:45 pm

In Attendance: Rebecca Foster, John Quinney, Matt Burke, Deirdre Holmes, Ethan Lisle, Gerald Boucher (Planning Commission Liaison).

1) **Agenda reviewed**

2) **Approved minutes** from 1/8/20 meeting. Rebecca will post.

3) **Working groups** reported to full committee:

- a **Town solar** - John reported that at mtg on the 27th, the Select Board voted 2-3 against the town solar proposal with solar developer Green Lantern. GL made a few changes to the net-metering agreement in response to questions raised at the meeting. John and Sam from GL have created a document addressing SB questions and concerns in preparation for Feb 10 mtg. Rebecca shared results of the petition of town citizen support for solar.
- b **Town LEDs** - Doug's area. Doug absent, postponed to March mtg.
- c **Library Dashboard** - Will ask Bill to take this on. John will forward relevant information to Bill.
- d **P&R Updates** - Matt reported that VTrans closed state P&R at train station a few years ago and have no plans to reopen. Too far from Route 7 corridor. No current VTrans plans for P&R. Initiative should come from CCRPC. Deirdre reported on roundtable rural transit at CCRPC - good attendance, many approaches to rural transit discussed. Will continue conversation.
- e **Fossil Free Jamboree** - Rebecca and Deirdre proposed that FFJ 2020 be more focused than last year. Library book sale is July 12. Proposed using event as springboard for a specific goal/project in town.
- f **CCS & CVSD** - Deirdre applied for Climate Catalyst Leadership Program with climate committee for CVSD proposal. Lynne Jaunich reached out for EC support regarding facilities upgrades needed at schools, particularly CCS.
- g **Education**
 - i Climate Action Film Festival - in partnership with SunCommon, hosted by Charlotte Congregational Church and co-sponsored by the EC. March 26 at 6:30 at CCC. Capacity: 100
 - ii New Frameworks - Rebecca is discussing a presentation in spring. Perhaps at construction site in Charlotte. Re: carbon-neutral buildings and net-zero homes.

- iii Other initiatives - Town mtg table? Create a survey? About transportation in town? Matt to ask Trails cmt, and initiate survey. Nov Election Day - create info table? What topic? Weatherization?
- 4) **Budget review** - Discussed how EC can support CCS energy efficiency and renovations. Possible project: a small solar panel on compost shed at CCS, combined with pollinate demo site (\$220). Create demo and power for lights, electric grounds equipment?
- 5) **Liaison reports**, CCC, PC - Rebecca attended Conservation Commission meeting, discussed how best to use land for carbon sequestration. Rebecca suggested that we all sit in on our liaison committees in order to enhance collaborations.
- 6) **Climate Catalyst** - Deirdre applied to program. Will share application.
- 7) **Non-agenda-related announcements** -
 - Matt suggested reconvening Charlotte Park and Ride group.
 - Short discussion on Dashboard of the Energy Action Network. Matt asked how do we track how we are doing? How do we communicate to the town? Do we lean on CCRPC and the Dashboard for data? Do we host a Dashboard event in Charlotte? Rebecca suggested a monitor at the library to host Dashboard and have people fill out and upload stories. Possible with incentives...?

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Holmes