

## Energy Committee Minutes

April 3, 2018

7-9 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

Attending: Members Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Deirdre Holmes, and Bill Kallock; guest Ethan Lisle.

- 1) Introductions
  - a) Ethan Lisle is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at CVU and member of the Environmental Action Club, “Enact”. He was recommended to Deirdre by teacher Katie Antos-Ketchum for the student seat opening on the EC when Meghan leaves.
- 2) Agenda reviewed without changes.
- 3) Minutes from 3/7/18 approved. Matt to send to Rebecca for posting.
- 4) Announcements
  - a) Efficiency Vermont’s video contest for home efficiency closes April 22. Rebecca will post a notice about it on FPF.
  - b) 350VT’s resolution for no more fossil fuel infrastructure campaign: Matt will look into its current status and the goals for next year in case we want Charlotte to participate.
  - c) CVU group “Enact” is going to the Youth Rally for the Planet in Montpelier, April 12.
- 5) Working group reports.
  - a) Act 174 (Matt, Rebecca, Deirdre)
    - i) Matt reported that Emily Nosse-Leirer of CCRPC suggested changes to the Town Plan, including reorganizing the content of the Tomorrow and Today energy sections, adding strategies to Tomorrow and information to Today, and integrating the Land Use Regulations with the Town Plan. Matt invited all committee members (not just the working group) to look at Emily’s edits, keeping in mind the history we know well of previous comments from town people and committees.
    - ii) The 174 working group is meeting Monday April 9 with Emily and Daryl. CCRPC’s assistance with the reworking of Charlotte’s documents needs to be completed by July 15.
    - iii) Bill questioned the premise of Act 174, saying it’s not possible for every town to be 90% renewable and Act 174 may be a distraction from discussing how to organize the entire state to reach the goal in the most efficient way. He wondered if there was adequate coordination between the utilities and Public Service Department. Setting targets, he cautioned, is not the same as planning. Rebecca wondered, then, if Act 174 is less a plan than an advocacy effort to make everyone in the state accountable.
  - b) Town infrastructure (Deirdre, Suzy, Bill)
    - i) CCS. Deirdre met with Katie Antos-Ketchum, CVU, and her sustainability committee counterpart at SCS to discuss what the three schools are doing and hope to do. They are meeting next week with district staff to propose a district wide sustainability committee to bring consistency throughout the district.

Such a committee could prioritize projects in the district and bring economies of scale to the individual schools. Note: Green Lantern is looking for nonprofit roofs to build on, which could be a funded solar project for CCS. Electric buses seem to be on hold but are still the top priority for the VW funding.

- ii) Library. The library has enough of a design that they like for the building extension that they are pausing to create a feasibility study and fundraising strategy.
- c) Public education
  - i) This working group is not yet populated. John and Suzy were nominated, pending their approval. If Ethan joins the committee, he said he would like to be in the group.
  - ii) The question was raised of whether or not the Vermont Energy Education Program would be helpful. They currently work with CCS on special projects that are not integrated with the curriculum.
- 6) Liaison reports.
  - a) Bill will get in touch with Jason, who is the sole member of Shelburne's EC.
  - b) PC: Town Plan passed.
  - c) We are looking for liaisons for the following groups: Trails; Lewis Creek Association; Charlotte Land Trust; Senior Center; Ferrisburg EC. For members to consider and discuss at the next meeting.
- 7) Mission statement: Created working group of Rebecca, and John if he's interested.
- 8) Committee vacancies: Looking to fill the vacancy in green building/design skills left by David, or perhaps Liz Palchak who works on energy use behaviors at VEIC might be interested (Matt will ask.)
- 9) Upcoming meeting dates need to be confirmed via email because of changing commitments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Foster