

## Charlotte Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

7:10-8:45 PM

Town Hall

Attending: Members Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Meghan Mahoney, David Pill, John Quinney; Gerald Bouchard (Planning Commission liaison); Guest Paul Markowitz (Efficiency Vermont).

1. Paul Markowitz wants the energy committee to know that he's available as a resource; he has been working with town energy committees for ten years. He detailed some of the EV programs.
  - a. EV has programs to help people meet new building/major renovation codes that apply to everyone and require certain procedures by law. They also have programs for those who wish to exceed code. Commercial buildings are enforced by the State.
  - b. Municipal energy use: EV encourages towns to do whatever they can to reduce energy use, including enrolling in an EV net zero program for town buildings. EV can assign an energy engineer to come evaluate the Fire House, since that's our next town building to work on; we should give him a call to set that up.
  - c. Master plan: municipal planning grants up to 15K are available from the Agency of Commerce and Development and could help us develop the town's energy plan. Paul could help us look at other towns for a template if there are similar interests. Helpfully, soon EV will have data for every town on electrical usage and savings and home performance (thermal efficiency). The information will go to the Dashboard, too.
  - d. Residential: in the fall of '17 there will be a thermal efficiency campaign for existing homes using the button up theme. EV will have grants for communities to do outreach, i.e. distribute LEDs to attract people to participate. One idea floated is to use the grant to pay for an insert to the newspaper, and we could hold EV workshops.
  - e. Workshops: EV speakers' bureau allows people to come and do free lectures on a variety of topics, including heat pumps, modern wood heating, mobile homes, etc. The possibilities are listed on the website under events.
  - f. Schools: EV does in-class presentations (to individual teachers) for free; teacher training/professional training; and they run the green school energy challenge. Now, before too close to end of the year, is a good time to talk with teachers for next year.
  - g. Transportation: Fran Putnam organized an Addison county group to study rural transportation solutions; we could find out what they did. Way to Go still at it.
  - h. Many informational resources from EV that can be sourced from their website.
  - i. EV has a training on Energy Building Codes on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. CCRPC is hosting a presentation on regional and municipal roles in complying with Act 174 and will discuss the Municipal Energy Data Guides as well. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm, CCRPC. Rebecca going.
3. Minutes from March 7, 2017 are approved. Rebecca will post on the website.

4. The size of the committee and its voting members were discussed and unresolved due to shortage of time and lack of consensus so we tabled it.
5. CCRPC has worked up a “Municipal Energy Data Guide” for each town; they are looking for feedback by June 16. Everyone should study the document and we should discuss at our June meeting.
6. Gerald will not attend the June, July, and August meetings as he will be out of town.
7. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Foster

Bike rack:

- 1) Report back from State House
- 2) VT Community Energy Dashboard – response from Alise and posting library “story” and our use in future