

## Energy Committee Minutes

July 10, 2018

7 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

**In attendance:** Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Bill Kallock, Ethan Lisle, John Quinney; and Gerald Bouchard (PC liaison); and Mike Yantachka (visitor).

- 1) Review agenda.
- 2) Check-in – new thing, quick go-around.
- 3) Non-agenda-related announcements.
  - a) Deirdre and Steven Wisbaum were in the Warren parade riding electric mowers.
  - b) Gerald: PC mtg is 7/19 and last hour of agenda is Act 174 if anyone from EC can go.
  - c) Megan’s article submitted to Charlotte News, will be run when room.
  - d) Report in media on obstacles to EVs, and discussion.
- 4) Unanimous approval of 6/12/18 minutes.
- 5) Upcoming meetings: Aug 14; Sep 11; Oct 3; Nov 7; Dec 5.
- 6) Follow-up on to-dos from June mtg:
  - a) **Rebecca** to post May minutes – done.
  - b) **Rebecca** to post Dave Roberts’ EV presentation – done. Rebecca asks who is interested in working on the presentation/content of our page on town website: Suzy, John, Matt, Ethan.
  - c) **JQ** to draw up list of electric devices for display at Town Party and send around to the committee for input and contacts – done.
  - d) **JQ** create write-up for elec mower event and circulate to committee – done.
  - e) **JQ** to get clarity on Dashboard actions and relation to data. *The actions bear no relation to the progress that’s reported.* All data is based on state numbers. Each year updating data is cumbersome process, a lot of work, costs EAN \$180K to do it; EAN hopes (does not expect) that the state (DPS) will take over data and monitoring. Dashboard is the best mechanism we have right now. We could set goals as a committee for our town to try to boost participation and get more accurate numbers. Matt reminds us that it’s important to keep promoting/pushing with organizations our need for data; we want to be able to measure progress. (We have electric use data; need to understand non-electric energy use.)
  - f) **SH** to check out electric bike restrictions on paths. It’s ambiguous; trails don’t allow motorized vehicles; electric assist bikes aren’t motorized, exactly; probably okay if bike-riders give pedestrians right of way.
  - g) **MB to check with 350VT for supporters** – Jaiel hosted another info session; Mike has been in touch w/ Jaiel, the resolutions are symbolic. Matt will stay in touch and pass along.
- 7) Working group reports
  - a) Public education—Town Beach Day, 4-8 pm July 14, rain date July 15.
    - i) Posting on FPF – RF and SH.
    - ii) Equipment: Steven to bring a trailer of things; Nate Carr making his things available; Mike lending the Neutron; Suzy to bring photo of sheep.

- iii) Table; lawn chairs; banner; residential energy checklist; 50 copies of Green Lawn Care sheet
  - b) Act 174
    - i) Deirdre, Matt, Marty, Emily had mtg; Emily also went to the PC mtg—consensus in PC as reported by Gerald is that the SB would not approve the language; “shall” and “will” have been problematic in the past. Discussion about whether decision-makers have an adequate context for this work and do they understand the consequences of not passing it. Gerald says to watch out for things that might have a budget attached. Realizing that the EC needs to clearly frame the broader significance of these changes rather than get lost in the minutia of wording—perhaps we’re losing the forest for the trees. Ideas to engage the PC first; then write article for the public.
    - ii) Implementation table not done—Emily is done with her contract with us, but is still available for consultation. Next mtg discuss what EC’s role will be leading up to TMD.
  - c) Town infrastructure – no report.
- 8) Committee vacancy—RF ask David if there’s anyone like him; Bill ask Mark Boudrou.

**Next meeting:** August 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Foster

Action List (outside of regular working group work):

- **RF** to post May, June minutes—done.
- **Website group** to discuss.
- **All** contact liaison groups to gauge interest in 350vt resolution.
- **All** – how to bring PC on board for 174?
- **Matt/Deirdre** – anything EC needs to do to finalize TP?
- **RF** contact David Pill.
- **Bill** contact Mark Boudrou.