

Energy Committee Minutes

July 11, 2019

7 – 8:45 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

Attendance: EC members: Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, and Doug Paton. Planning Liaison: Gerald Boucher.

1. Approved 6/13/19 minutes with Rebecca’s 7/11/19 edits. Rebecca to post.

2. Fossil Free Jamboree! Reviewed outlines of the event. Tent tables organized into 5 categories: Bike, EVs, Efficiency VT and incentives, Weatherization, Yard tools.
 Actions for the committee:
 - a. Spread the word via the library’s poster and email – all.
 - b. Make ice for event – all who are here.
 - c. Friday the 19th help move tables and chairs from F&R to Library (RF, DH, DP, Nate Walker?)
 - d. Suzy to find out if Trails Committee wants to share materials on bike table.
 - e. Matt to organize materials from GoVT for EV table, possibly Deb Sachs to be there in person.
 - f. DH to f/u with Jamey re Window Dressers.
 - g. RF to f/u with Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity for weatherization table.
 - h. RF to contact TTC re yard tools table.
 - i. Signs for the tables and the tent – paint on sheets, artistic...a DH daughter? Otherwise RF.
 - j. Consider additional info sheets to contribute to the tables – all.
 - k. Need more varieties of EVs (no more Leafs, not a Tesla 3); RF will put out call on FPF but personal contacts are best—all.
 - l. Doug to help get City Market bike to and from the event.
 - m. RF to ask Ethan if CVU has an appropriate project to promote.
 - n. Bill was signed up for a smoothie bike shift—can he do it?
 - o. Shifts for the event:

Task/Post	9:30-11:30 (set-up 9:30-10)	11:30-1:30	1:30-3:30 (clean-up 3-3:30)
Demo lot by Post Office	Deirdre	Doug	Rebecca
Yard Tools Table	Doug	Rebecca	Deirdre
Smoothie Bike	Rebecca, Matt	Deirdre, Matt	Doug, Bill?
Pitch/Strike Tent (sat/sun)	Deirdre, Rebecca, + 2		
Move Tables & Chairs from F&R 7/19 - time tbd	Rebecca, Deirdre, Doug		

3. Transportation explorations – report from Matt.
 - a. Bus service to Charlotte: Matt has reached out to GMT to find out reasons why bus stopped stopping in town (lease with property changed plus low ridership) and determine process for reinstating a stop on the Middlebury-BVT route. One obstacle is it doesn't run frequently enough to make it useful for the people who do use it. Creating a new connector line to the more frequent local bus—the Blue Line that goes to Shelburne—might be more promising.
 - b. P&R: Discussion of a P&R goes through the CCRPC (Dean is the town rep, Fritz the alternate). Matt has spoken with Peter Keating, senior transportation planner, and will set up a meeting, inviting the fledgling Charlotte parking committee in hopes that it motivates action on the parking committee.
 - c. Promoting EV use in town: Could have another presentation by Dave Roberts in the fall with the new angle of the library's coming charging station, for which it received the EVSE grant (one of 21 winners out of 95 applications).
 - d. GoVT: Matt felt that GoVT might have some good ideas for problem-solving transport issues in Charlotte, such as carpool/vanpool, so will call for a meeting with them to explore. Matt will invite anyone on committee who is interested in attending.
4. Solar for library addition. John proposed to add an additional up to six hours of Leigh Sneddon's work for a maximum of \$510 from the '19-'20 EC budget with scope of work as follows: phone consultation while library decides which solar option to pursue; review RFP for solar installer; review proposals; advice on amending PUC net metering registration form. Deirdre confirmed the usefulness of Leigh's work on the library to date. Discussion about longterm value of Leigh's work for accumulating a knowledge base for potential replication in other town projects to avoid having to hire someone for \$1400 each time the town has a project. John's proposal is unanimously approved on condition that a way is found to create a record of the findings/information in such a way that it will have a maximum of usefulness going forward.
5. Town Hall Lighting Upgrades. Doug met with Christina who brought her concerns about the lighting to us through Dean, in part because there are maintenance issues with the infrastructure that require treasure and cause trouble. She got a proposal for a \$9K job to update indoor and outdoor lighting, which the SB already balked at. Doug judged it to be a low quality proposal that was too expensive. Doug will work on this issue more, including documenting justification for the work and finding incentives or grants for upgrades to a town building.
6. EC annual priorities meeting. Some people not available for the August date we arranged, so canceling the August meeting. Rebecca will send around a doodlepoll for late August in hopes we can have our annual priorities meeting instead of the August meeting prior to the September meeting, which would then be a regular meeting.
7. Budget: We came very close to using our entire '18-'19 budget.
8. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Foster

Bike rack:

1. Fire & Rescue Audit and next steps.
2. Climate Crew Initiative (via Margaret).