

Charlotte Energy Committee Minutes
August 14, 2018
7 pm
Charlotte Town Hall

In attendance: Suzy Hodgson, Gerald Bouchard (PC liaison), Bill Kallock, John Quinney, Deirdre Holmes, Matt Burke.

1. Review Agenda
2. Check-in: The committee felt the green mower event at the town beach party was successful. The highlight was the robo-mower. Editor of Green Energy Times is the owner/rep of the robo mower company.
3. Announcements: Sept 8, 11-1 Opening of the Town Link Trail. Discussed connecting to this event with a specific sustainability message about transport. We can promote safe transport via bike between east and west Charlotte in addition to recreational use of the trail. Suzy will ask Margaret.
4. Minutes from July 10 meeting were approved.
5. Follow-up on to dos from July mtg:
 - a. Website: Rebecca, John and Suzy met to review our website. Examined the Middlebury Energy Cmt website as a model. The Conservation Commission has a template which seems more appropriate for us - has a sidebar to jump directly to subsequent pages. Rebecca is going to check with Dean about flexibility of template (e.g the sidebar).
6. Working Group updates:
 - a. Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Petition: EC is not going to take on leadership role, but interested in knowing who else in town is interested. Individual members support the circulation of the individual petition.
 - b. Dashboard: John proposes encouraging Charlotters to use the Dashboard. Coordinate with Efficiency Vermont - request an email to all Charlotters who have taken an action via EV and encourage them to post on the Dashboard. Perhaps coordinate with The Energy Coop and Energy Action Network to communicate with Charlotters who have installed heat pumps, for example. If done at Button-UP event, Bill suggests having laptops there, and follow-up with article about how well Charlotters are doing. John will contact EV.
 - c. A fall event: E-bike event? a demonstration of a bike retrofit to make it electric? a raffle for a bike? gift certificate to a bike store? an electric bike wheel conversion kit costs \$500. Can we coordinate with ZSpokes? Matt to contact Zach Macik (802) 846-7712, zack@zspokes.com.
 - d. Button-Up Event: John suggests that our 2 events not get too cluttered up with additional program names, themes, lightbulb give-aways. John to develop proposal for Dashboard, and Suzy for sustainable transport.

- e. Do we have a mailing list of interested people in town? Suzy has old list. Would Rebecca be willing to contact people on her Maplefields list to see who would like to be on an EC mailing list?
- f. Act 174: Matt updated group that the Vermont Public Service Department issued a positive determination of energy compliance for the 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan. CCRPC now has substantial deference, and can make a determination on town level energy compliance. Gerald explained that edits proposed by PC were to make language more concise. EC may find that some of the edits were more substantive. The current working document is tracking changes so that all can be reviewed. Matt to circulate the current draft for all to see. Sept mtg should include a follow-up conversation after all have reviewed recently proposed changes. Matt, Rebecca and Deirdre to go through edits in greater detail. Next couple of PC mtgs (Thursdays, Sept 6 and Sept 20 at 8pm) to discuss 174 Energy Planning.

7. Vacancy: Marc Boudreaux - lives in Ferrisburgh. David Pill? Matt will ask Liz Palchak. Harrison Grubbs, new to Charlotte - Bill to contact.

8. Remaining meeting dates for 2018:

September 11

October 3

November 7

December 5

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Holmes