

Energy Committee Minutes
August 21, 2019
7-8:30 PM
Ten Stones Community Common House

In Attendance: EC members: Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Doug Paton, and John Quinney.

1. Approved Minutes 7/11/19; Rebecca to post.
2. Review this half-year's goals (created 1/16/19 with the intention that it would be for the calendar year) vs. actual work done
3. Review the Town Plan implementation table (expected official approval 11/19)
4. Modify calendar year goals to conform to the 2019-20 fiscal year and in consideration of implementation table, see attached
5. Discuss individual capacity and working groups, see attached
6. Conferences—general guidelines for our committee is to have 1-2 representatives at each pertinent conference, with the exception of VECAN
7. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Foster

Priorities July 2019-June 2020

1. **Town Plan changes**

- a. Keep an eye on it and make sure that the vote actually takes place 11/5/19. Possibly work on a get out the vote campaign among supporters. After vote possibly write up article about Act 174 process and our involvement. Assume this will wrap up by November 2019. (Matt, Rebecca, John)
- b. Monitoring goals through CCRPC – after the Town Plan is adopted, monitor the progress. (Matt, Bill?) Ongoing.

2. **Energy performance of town buildings**

- a. Library – (John, Deirdre) – continue to work with various parties to make sure that solar installation gets onto the roof of the new building. Fundraising may be involved (\$400 from the Jamboree! that the library has committed to allocating to energy-related fundraising). Assume this will wrap up by fall 2020.
- b. F&R follow-up of audit – (Doug, Suzy) – thinking is that this initiative will drop off without our support. As yet undefined amount of energy from us will be devoted to this.
- c. Town Hall interior/exterior LEDs – (Doug) pursue to the extent reasonable and have support, including financial support, from SB.
- d. Possible future energy audit of CCS.
- e. Possible future town renewable energy projects.

3. **Education** – (Rebecca, Suzy, Matt, Ethan)

- a. periodic speakers, ongoing (presentations at library)
 - i. ideas include: stretch codes (Suzy), legislation (Mike or a senator?), EVs and charging (Bill), library series re climate change stress (Suzy), weatherization via CVOEO (Rebecca)
 - ii. planning formula: set speaker/s; set date; publicize; snacks; reimbursement; article/photo.
- b. media outreach, ongoing (possible articles, tid bits/fun facts, photos w/ informative captions)
- c. website – the Charlotte website is lacking compared to, say, Jericho's. Before investing time into improving the current page, find out if the entire Charlotte website is going to be improved. Rebecca to contact Dean; decisions to come after we have more info. Failing a web presence, consider effectiveness of social media.

4. **Weatherization** – Rebecca to check in with Jamey to make sure he has info from weatherization program at CVOEO. Could organize a way to get people registered for the CVOEO program. As yet undetermined amount of energy from EC.

5. **Transportation**

- a. Fossil-Free Jamboree! annual event in conjunction with library book sale (Rebecca, Deirdre)
- b. See through the library's EV charger grant (Bill)

- c. P&R, attempt to put together a cross-section of town players to study this issue; if it proves to be too much of a heavy lift and no support outside of EC then drop it (Matt)
6. **Possible programmatic areas should opportunities arise**
- a. An ag and/or waste element possibly coordinated with school garden/compost (event possible with Philo Ridge Farm; Abby)
 - b. Work in the school district, possibly form a sustainability committee if interest across other towns (Deirdre, Ethan)
7. **Liaise with Charlotte groups** – to be continued by all
8. **Capacity** – be realistic about what we can do
- a. Think about new EC members (can expand # of members if have interested people)
 - b. Think about a half-time energy coordinator for Charlotte