

**Energy Committee Agenda**  
**Minutes**

August 5, 2020

7 PM

Remote meeting, via Zoom

In Attendance: Matt Burke, Jacqui DeMent, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, Doug Paton; Gerald Boucher, Planning Commission Liaison; Frank Tenney, Selectboard; and Mike Yantachka, State Representative.

- 1) Review agenda.
- 2) Approval of 7/1/20 minutes without changes.
- 3) Food shelf weatherization project
  - a) The project will have several phases: Outreach to potential households; diagnostics of weatherization needs; delivery of materials; DIY video guidance with technology support if needed; project evaluation.
  - b) Desire to find an appropriate intern to work on this project.
  - c) Rebecca reaching out to Jamey Gerlaugh of Window Dressers, Williams College for interns, Ethan to gauge interest in working on this project, CVOEV for households needing weatherization, and Becca White of Button Up for collaboration on walk-throughs and technical support. Deirdre writing up description for Oberlin intern, and finding out if ReSource could collaborate. Suzy looking into UVM intern possibilities.
- 4) Library solar. At time of the meeting we believed this item would be on the selectboard 8/10/20 agenda as we were promised; after this meeting we discovered it was left off, possibly scheduled for 8/24/20. In July Deirdre and Rebecca met with Louise and Jim from selectboard to go over draft RFP; Deirdre made changes that came out of that meeting; in the last correspondence Jim requested that the RFP include a unilateral opt out clause for the town. This was deemed unreasonable; this smaller project built specifically for the library is materially inequivalent to the net metering RFP the town sent out in May, which did request an opt out, although none of the proposals included it. There may be a way to address the underlying concerns for the opt out clause, i.e., by defining non-performance. A question of whether the Vermont League of Cities & Towns would have useful model contract language. A concern that the request for an opt out is an indication that the selectboard, or a portion of the selectboard, is irredeemably opposed to PV on the library; out of respect to those who would submit proposals we need to determine if that is the case before issuing an RFP.
- 5) CCRPC preferred sites analysis—Matt reviewed some follow-up questions that he will be sending to Melanie.
- 6) Launch of library conservation corner—Margaret looking for ideas in addition to an article in the paper. Rebecca to ask if the library is having an event to celebrate the opening of the extension. Possible programming, such as a webinar on how to use the thermal camera, something on transportation, or do the New Frameworks lecture that

had been scheduled for April.

- 7) Transportation in Charlotte—A general review of the last few years to update Jacqui, including discussion of the EV charger; elimination of the bus stop for the commuter bus line; possibility of working on transportation solutions with surrounding towns; the possible P&R on Rt 7; and the possibility of working with the trails committee to expand to uses beyond recreation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Foster