

## Energy Committee Minutes

September 12th, 2019

7 – 8:30 PM

Charlotte Town Hall

In Attendance: EC members: Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Bill Kallock, Ethan Lisle, John Quinney, and Doug Paton. Planning Commission Liaison: Gerald Boucher.

1. Minutes of 8/21/19 approved.
2. Review of priorities set at August meeting
  - a. Town Plan revisions
    - i. Town vote scheduled for 11/5/19.
    - ii. Monitoring the Plan's goals will be done after approval in conjunction with CCRPC. Matt to be joined by Bill for this. The Community Dashboard may become useful for tracking against other towns in VT. Example: Building EV charging ports increases investment in EVs, the library port may help.
  - b. Town infrastructure: Library Solar Panels
    - i. John reports that Library board voted in favor of the proposal developed by Leigh Seddon to install PV on the library roof using a power purchase agreement (third party purchase).
    - ii. Next, the library and EC request permission from the select board to put solar panels on the library, which is a town building. Then an RFP would be developed. If a PPA is successful, the library has five years to raise funds to purchase the PV system, which could be installed as early as April 2020
    - iii. Official EC vote in favor of the proposal. All members requested to attend the select board meeting Sept 23rd to support the proposal.
  - c. Town infrastructure: Fire and Rescue
    - i. Doug and Suzy to follow up with F&R on the 2019 audit to learn if they intend to make any of the recommendations into a budget item for FY 20-21.
  - d. Town infrastructure: Energy Audit at CCS

- i. CCS building is owned by the CVSD so any initiative would be part of a CVSD-wide effort. A district wide Sustainability Committee would be a necessary part of this.
  - ii. Bill and Ethan ready to help Deirde with this project.
- e. Education: Button Up VT
  - i. Discuss possible actions; excitement around doing a multi-house tour, including Bill's house and new renovation on Greenbush.
  - ii. Bill will submit application to Button Up by deadline and education working group (Rebecca, Suzy, Matt, Ethan) will plan the event.
- f. Education: Presentations
  - i. One possibility is "stretch codes" by Matt Sargent, but how to make such a dry topic appealing? Rebecca suggests pairing with yoga (kidding-not-kidding). (Sargent's wife teaches yoga!)
- g. Education: Website
  - i. Dean said the town will not be changing its website, and so the education working group must decide how to proceed on online presentation of material.
- h. Education: Climate Strike 9/20 by CVU students
  - i. Plan for civil disobedience through leaving school, teacher teach in, and advisory speak out. Post on FPF so adults can support students. (Rebecca raises question of whether advocacy should be a regular focus of the EC.)
- i. Weatherization: No action at present
- j. Transportation: Fossil-Free Jamboree!
  - i. Dierdre and Rebecca will meet in the next few months to discuss any prep over the winter for the summer of 2020
- k. Transportation: Library EV charger
  - i. We still have a year to use the grant money and install the charger. No RFP needed.
- l. Transportation: Park & Ride
  - i. Matt has contacted various people in town and found that nobody would like to take leadership on this issue, perhaps

because of other preoccupations, such as wastewater. Matt will try one more time to convene a meeting with CCRPC and town representatives.

3. Other

- a. Working groups reviewed and approved.
- b. FY '21 budget to start being drafted next meeting.
- c. Liaison chart reviewed and some adjustments made.

4. Non-agenda-related announcements

- a. Matt to go to the EAN conference at Champlain College. Encourage Dierdre to still apply for scholarship to REV conference even though deadline passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Lisle