

Charlotte Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2012

Present: committee members - Anne Bijur, Suzy Hodgdon, David Pill, Catherine Hughes, Michelle Lussier

Community members - Winslow Ladue, Gerald Bouchard, Jenny Cole, Rebecca (Ten Stones Circle)

6:30 pm - Presentation by Chris Flynn and Adam Dantzcher on Switchgrass as an alternative fuel source for a possible central heating source for Town buildings in the vicinity of the Town Hall (see slideshow for presentation) Suzy will follow up on building square footage, Catherine will find oil usage for potential buildings being considered, and Michelle will work on a map of the area.

7:35 pm – Jenny Cole presented the Charlotte Sidewalk Committee’s plans for the upcoming sidewalk vote, providing sidewalks from the monument on Ferry Road to the Little Garden Market. Motion was made by ~~Suzy~~ Anne (amended per 3/14/12 meeting) to write a letter in support of the sidewalk as an enhancement to the local sustainability and a promotion of better pedestrian access; all were in favor.

8:00 pm – A planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 1st (with another meeting possibly being scheduled for February 23rd) to discuss the outline of the proposed Town Plan. Suzy looking for volunteers to sit through the discussion.

Efficiency Vermont has rebated \$1200 to the Town for the Town Hall energy retrofit. Suzy recommended that this may be a fund to look at the controls issues surrounding the Town Hall mechanical systems. It is unsure if these funds were credited to the Energy Committee or put in the Town’s General Fund. Winslow recommended providing a proposal to the Town before May for optimized control costs.

Efficiency VT has asked for permission to ‘advertise’ the Town Hall energy retrofit project at Town Meeting with a poster; committee members asked to see a copy prior to its use.

Catherine gave an update on her work with Jennifer Chiodo to input more data into Portfolio Manager to continue the work of the intern who started the process last summer. The preliminary savings was approximately 22% by the year ending November, 2011 based on fuel and electricity use per degree-day. Catherine will finalize this calculation with Jen.

Suzy and Catherine attended the recent VT Town Energy Committees meeting to discuss what other groups are doing around VT. Good meeting with lots of differing levels of participation around the State.

Suzy reminded everyone of the Home Energy Tour co-sponsored by our Energy Committee and Transition Town; Saturday, March 17th from 10 am to 1 pm. Info to follow as to exact home locations.

Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.