



Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes October 15, 2014

Attendance: Carrie Fenn, Ray Keller, Chuck Reiss, John Pacht, Hannah Jackson and Maggie Gordon

1. Meeting Commenced at 7:10 p.m.

2. Town Plan Revision

The Town plan gets revised every five years. The Planning Commission is currently working on the new version and would like HEC to review section 7, the energy section, in order to provide feedback for the revision. HEC needs to come up with a few top priority goals to recommend for inclusion in section 7. Additionally, offer ways in which to accomplish the proposed goals. HEC will review and submit goals to the Planning Commission by February 1st 2015.

3. Energy Code Plus

Select Board wants to review the energy code plus further. One Select Board member spoke to someone at Efficiency Vermont (EVT) who stated the Energy Code Plus regulations are going to be changed in the near future. The Select Board is now worried the language in the proposed Town code will lock the Town into a new code without knowing what the future changes to that code will be. Maggie Gordon will speak with someone at EVT to see if anyone there has an idea what the 2015 Energy Code Plus standards look like. HEC needs to revise the language in the code to try to provide some provision that prevents the Town from getting locked into future Energy Code Plus standards if the new revisions are too restrictive. Energy Code Plus standards are revised every 3 years. Energy Code Plus discussion is on the Select Board agenda for October 20th. Proposed revision to include in statement: "If energy code plus is modified in the future, the Select Board will review such modifications and determine, whether continued compliance with energy code plus is required."

4. Review minutes from August meeting.

Chuck made motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

5. Carrie presented open meeting regulations.

All boards/committees need to be in compliance by July 2015. Meeting agendas need to be posted 48 hours ahead of time. Draft minutes need to be submitted to Renae Marshall within 5 days after meeting.

6. PACE

HEC to present PACE Implementation power point at Select Board meeting on Oct 20th 2014. Committee edited presentation slides during meeting. HEC wants to include energy audits as a requirement of the program.

7. Button Up Day

November 1st is the State Button Up Day. Carrie visited a potential property that could receive upgrades on the Button Up Day. The property does not need enough work to utilize a work crew. Chuck will think about something else we can do on November 1st.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Action Items

Chuck

- Speak with Richard Faesy about what he thinks will change in 2015 Energy Code
- Send photos of energy efficiency upgrades to Ray
- Send next meeting agenda to Renae 48hrs before meeting.
- Speak with community solar contact Jeff Forward

Ray

- Make final edits to PACE presentation

John

- Speak with community solar contact Jeff Forward

Hannah

- Email committee draft of October minutes