



Energy Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2016

- Approved 9/06/16 -

Present: Chuck Reiss, Dick Hopwood, and Carrie Fenn

Absent: Richard Watts, Nikki Kuhn

Meeting Called to order 7:10 PM

1. Discussion Concerning the Night for HEC Meetings Come the Fall 2016.

Due to conflicts, members have been having trouble meeting the third Tuesday of the month.

It was decided to switch to the 1st Tuesday of the month starting this Sept. 6th. Carrie will check the availability of the 3rd floor of town hall. Notice of this change will be sent to Aaron at town hall to note the change on the website and we also a put a notice in the Front Porch Forum.

2. Discussion about the VEC solar field proposed for Magee Hill Road.

Carrie reported on an article in the BFP that noted that Encore, the group that has been hired by VEC to install the solar field, received a \$400K grant from the Flexible Capital Fund of Vermont, which may be administered through the Vermont Sustainable Jobs fund.

There has not been much contact with VEC and the town about the Magee Hill project. Chuck had called Chad Nichols to see if Encore would like to attend a HEC meeting to give the committee an update on the project. Chad indicated that his group has not made much progress on the proposal and that sometime in September or October would be a better time to get together. Chuck will call Chad and see if Encore can join us for the Sept 6th meeting.

3. Energy Fair Discussion

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to discussion of the annual Hinesburg energy information workshop. The date selected is Oct. 1st 9:30 – 11:30 AM. The main hall will be reserved from 9 AM – 12 Noon. (It should be noted that the previous year the actual workshop time was from 10 AM- 12 Noon)

The breakdown of how the workshop would run was discussed. The first hour would be presentations on weatherization, heat pumps, solar PV and financing options for each. The second half would be spent in four smaller groups that have a focus of each one of the topics. The smaller groups will be able to get into more detail and address specific question from members of the audience.

Options for presenters were discussed and committee members will line up speakers.

There was discussion to invite local contractors to the workshop to be available for members of the audience to have an opportunity to meet the contactors face to face. Contacting contractors can happen through EVT and other industry associations.

There was also discussion about inviting other bordering towns to the workshop. Contacting the energy committees of Charlotte (Chuck), Shelburne (Carrie), Starksboro (Chuck) and Monkton (Dick) was the method for the inviting our neighboring towns.

Publicity was discussed:

- Signs – Chuck will get signs and banner up early in Sept.
- FPF – Chuck will start to post early in Sept.
- Citizen and the Record – Carrie will make an announcement in these papers
- Posters – we will discuss at the Sept HEC meeting
- Hinesburg town website – Chuck will contact Aaron and place a notice

Motion to adjourn passed at 8:50 PM