



Energy Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - September 6, 2016

- Draft -

Members Attending: Chuck Reiss, Dick Hopwood, Carrie Fenn, and Richard Watts

Non-Members: Phil Foy / Encore Solar, Brett Johnson & Brian Thibault / Magee Hill Residence

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Review minutes for July & August
3. Discussion about open meeting rule compliance
4. Update on changes to the Net Metering rules
5. Review prep for the Energy Information Workshop
6. Update on the VEC Magee Hill solar field proposal
7. Continue discussion on preferred renewable energy sites in Hinesburg

Additions to Agenda

8. Town Energy Plan re-write

Review minutes for July & August

Minutes reviewed and approved as written

Discussion About Open Meeting Rule Compliance

Reviewed VLCT open meeting laws and discussed meeting these requirements.

Discussed quorum numbers and as of today all four members must attend to have a quorum. Committee discussed working to get additional members to fill three open positions.

Carrie Fenn able to attend Sept 12th meeting if Dick Hopwood is not back in town from trip.

Update on Changes to the Net Metering Rules

Discussed Net Metering rules and put on agenda for next meeting for further discussion.

- Final draft issued by the PSB w/explanations
- Now goes to legislative council

Review Prep for the Energy Information Workshop

- Workshop scheduled for Oct. 1st – space in Town Hall available and booked.
- Time: 10:00-12:00
- Discussed posting banner on Town Hall and posters around town
- Contact nearby towns Energy Committee's
- Invite local solar businesses to attend
- Energy Committee members will attend Harvest Fest to man information table
- Agenda will consist of 5 topics w/speakers tentatively scheduled:
 - Weatherization: Tom Perry
 - Net Zero/Zen Program: Chuck Reiss
 - PV Solar: Dick Hopwood
 - Heat Pumps: Jake Marron
 - Finance: Vt. State Employ. Union Rep.

Break into groups for further discussion after speakers

Update on the VEC Magee Hill Solar Field Proposal

Phil Foy attending as spokesperson for Encore Energy.

Brett Johnson & Brian Thibault attending as Magee Hill residence.

Encore has been busy with other projects. They received drawing proposal & feedback from Magee Hill back in May but have not been able to finalize a response as of today. They are hoping to file the final draft to PSB soon. Are committed to working with Magee Hill residence best they can but some design aspects are driving the final siting of the panels, berms, setbacks etc.

Magee Hill residence in attendance are speaking for themselves not as spokespeople for all residence. Their concerns are the pending filing of the final draft. They would like to have Encore work with the

residence to set out some visual markings on the site for visual affect to show location of top of panels, berm, etc. Possibly some modeling of the entire site along with balloons, stakes and ribbons. Phil thought this would be possible. Residence would like to see another plan submitted to them based on their plan and feedback from May prior to final filing.

Energy committee, Encore and residence attending meeting all agree that anything that can be discussed and approved prior to final draft filing is a win/win situation for everyone.

Continue Discussion on Preferred Renewable Energy Sites in Hinesburg

Meeting running late moved to next meeting

Added #8 - Discuss Town Energy Plan Re-Write

Meeting running late moved to next meeting

Agenda for Oct 4th Meeting

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Review minutes from September
3. Discussion on Preferred Renewable Energy Sites in Hinesburg
4. Town Energy Plan Re-Write
5. Update on VEC/Magee Hill Solar
6. Discussion of Open Meeting Rules Class on Sept. 12th
7. Follow-up to Energy Workshop
8. Net Metering Discussion

Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dick Hopwood