



Energy Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017

- Approved 11/14/17 -

Members Attending: Chuck Reiss, Dick Hopwood, Mike Webb, Paul Lesure, and William Scott

Non-Members: None

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Additions to Agenda

1. Town Garage Project
2. Town Plan discussion

Discussion of Preferred Renewable Sites

Discussion of a specific site off of Mechanicsville Road with an interested owner in Hinesburg. There is a site that may potentially be a wetland but the ground aspect of the solar system has been installed previously. No ground disturbance would be required. The site capacity was previously planned to be 150kW. The Committee will be advising the owner to get a ruling from ANR to determine if the land is developable. If a positive response, this location will be added to the list to be recommended.

No update on three other potential locations.

The Committee is to actively try to identify additional preferred sites. The screening process will entail meeting the Town's preferences for solar PV siting. Mike Webb will be sending an announcement through Front Porch Forum. Dick Hopwood is to do research to further understand the process of becoming a preferred site.

Progress to Hinesburg Energy Goals

Chuck Reiss requested from VEIC if the data from the Energy Profile can be made available to us to determine how the houses in Hinesburg are rated.

Energy dashboard will be a long slow process to get data. The Committee would like to consider getting data in an aggregate form from other sources such as the utility. Will Scott will look for resources.

Update on EV Charging Stations

Postponed until next meeting.

Discussion of HEC Energy Events

Energy Information Day - October 14th from 10 - 12 a.m. Event will be held at the Town Hall.

Agenda:

1. Solar PV
2. Weatherization
3. Heat Pumps
4. Financial incentives and loans for energy projects

Preparation Actions:

- Reserve Space
- Contact Hinesburg Record
- Signs/Posters
- Front Porch Forum
- Food and Beverage

Net Zero Hinesburg - A multi-session co-sponsored by Efficiency Vermont. Hinesburg will invite other Towns to participate in program. Dick Hopwood will see if NRG is willing to host the event. The series will start in December and be monthly for 5-6 sessions.

Discussion of FRF Announcement

Mike Webb read the draft announcement. Suggested adjustments included: add “refreshments provided”, title is Energy Information Day, remove the Act 174 item for now, add contact info for Renae.

Approve Minutes From Past Meetings

Minutes not available. Will approve next meeting.

Town Garage Project

Chuck Reiss will inquire with Select Board if there would be interest in a pellet boiler instead of or in addition to the gas boiler.

Town Plan Discussion

William Scott suggested having a Hinesburg Energy Map added to the Town Plan. Chuck will talk to Alex about maps.

Set Agenda and Meeting Date for October Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda
4. Discussion of Preferred Renewable Sites
5. Progress to Hinesburg Energy Goals
6. Update on EV charging stations
7. Discussion of HEC energy events
8. Discussion of FRF announcement
9. Gas Options for Trailer Park
10. Approve minutes from August and September meeting
11. Set agenda of November meeting

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mike Webb