



Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

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

Non-Members: Affordable Housing Committee Members - Andrea Brainard, Julie Pierson, Dale Wernhoff, and Carl Bohlen

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Additions to Agenda

4. Gas Options For Low Income Homes / Discussion With Affordable Housing Committee

The group discussed a previously completed energy audit at four homes in the trailer park in 2013 and a preliminary economic comparison between a heat pump/solar install vs. a natural gas install.

Next steps:

- Grants available to pursue on the solar in low-income homes?
- Join the effort to market options to natural gas.
- Identify a role for VT students to support. This could be a range of options from going door to door to educate or have a student or two do a detailed report effort.
- Identify a potential demonstration home.

5. Discussion of Preferred Renewable Sites

The team reviewed the email from the Town Planner regarding the CCRPC Energy Sub-Committee reviewed Hinesburg's feedback on regional energy planning and the municipal energy data guide.

6. Committee Support to Town Committees

Kate Kelly presented the Conservation Commission's recommendation to have each committee budget \$2000 to fund a part-time job position that would coordinate activities across, and support, the committees. The Energy Committee stated that the money was more than our current total funding and recommended that the responsibilities be given to the Assistant Town Administrator or the committee's themselves take on the coordination activities.

7. Progress to Hinesburg Energy Goals / Winter Lecture Series foe

The committee will start planning to have the first event in January and have four sessions.

8. Update On EV Charging Stations

Moved to next week's agenda.

9. Approve Minutes From Past Meetings

Chuck motioned that the he committee approve the minutes from October and September. Paul seconded. Committee approved unanimously.

10. Set Agenda and Meeting Date for November Meeting

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4. Gas Options for low-income homeowners/discussion with Affordable Housing Committee
5. Discussion of Preferred Renewable Sites/memo from CCRPC
6. Progress to Hinesburg Energy Goals / Winter lecture series foe
7. Electric Vehicle Updates
8. Approve minutes from September and October meetings
9. Set agenda of December meeting

Meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mike Webb