



Energy Committee

Town of Hinesburg

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Meeting Date: August 7, 2018 – 7PM – 9PM

Location: Town Hall – Planning Office

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda
4. Discuss meeting minutes for Feb, March, and July; approve minutes
5. Act 174 work report-out by section owners and next steps
6. Revisit 2018 budget and discuss 2019 strategy and planning
 - a) Net Zero videos
 - b) Fall 2018 Workshop series
 - c) Municipal building efficiency
7. Video series from net zero workshops
8. Approve minutes from past meetings
9. Set agenda for Aug. 7th, 2018 meeting

Meeting Minutes

- Approved 9/04/18 -

Attendees: Chuck Reiss, Mike Webb, Richard Hopwood, Laura Capps, Bill Scott

1. Call to Order – Chuck 7:15
2. Public Comment - None
3. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda
 - a) September 4 – Alex and Emily Noss-Leirer from Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to attend and do an introductory presentation for the updated energy plan – all agreed; will be added to the agenda
 - b) Button Up VT partnership with EVT – will discuss under workshops
 - c) Select Board presentation of Energy Resolution – committee will request to present to Select Board on Aug. 16, 2018.
4. Discuss meeting minutes for Feb, March, and July; approve minutes

- Dick will look for Feb and March minutes; Mike provided agenda for Feb
 - July minutes were reviewed and updated based on committee feedback. Chuck motioned to approve the minutes, Laura seconded the motion with the amendment that she will meet with Renae and so long as Renae has no substantive changes, the minutes would be finalized. All were in favor.
5. Act 174 work report-out by section owners and next steps
- Chuck will send out Hinesburg Town Plan in word format for editing
 - Mike to set up google doc folder for managing our work on this
 - 2 options:
 - i. Amend the full Town Plan, OR
 - ii. Amend Chapters 7 and 8 of the Town Plan – this is the path the committee prefers

Clarifications from Alex based on questions generated in July meeting:

- How preferred sites are established.
 - We can reference what the state has for preferred sites (e.g., existing rooftops, brownfields, closed landfills), and we can add to this list (e.g., based on proximity to electrical grid, owner interest). If a site is determined to be a preferred site then exceptions are available such as using less than 50% of the energy produced on site.
 - Needs to be done through the open meeting process so that community members are able to engage and respond to requests from owners to have their sites listed as preferred.
 - Committee to discuss a proposed process during application review.
- Whether preferred sites are determined based on individual pieces of property or based on classifications of property.
 - Can be either. Sites can also be denied (e.g. industrial solar) so long as it is demonstrated that the 90% renewable goals may be met.
 - Bill noted that town zoning will also have classifications that need to be considered.
- What is the final deadline? Are there any interim deadlines?
 - No deadline, and no interim deadlines, other than the Town's desire to be included in the approval process for projects that come up.

Questions for Alex and Emily generated based on energy plan document review:

- How can we best determine if the provided Analysis and Targets are accurate and appropriate for Hinesburg – how are other Towns doing this?
 - Are we able to see the assumptions that were made so we can understand how the targets were set?
 - May need to ask best resources for projections for the Town – Laura to check.
- What resources are available to help us with modeling to ensure our final pathways selected are reasonable for getting us to our targets? (i.e., is someone identified to help with LEAP?)

- Does the CCRPC expect many changes to the County plan based on the Town feedback and Town plans?
 - i. Section 6 - Energy - Mike (Chuck co-pilot)
 - Questions:
 - 6. Mike to find a model policy to use as a draft
 - 6a. Mike to cross check pathway recommendations with Chapter 8 of Town Plan and make suggestions for improvements
 - 6b. Mike to cross check pathway recommendations with Chapter 8 of Town Plan and make suggestions for improvements
 - 6c. Mike to cross check pathway recommendations with Chapter 8 of Town Plan and make suggestions for improvements
 - 6d. Plan references this now, but it could be strengthened. Mike to cross check pathway recommendations with Chapter 8 of Town Plan and make suggestions for improvements
 - 6e. no additional items for other identified at this time.
 - ii. Section 7 - Transportation - Dick (Richard Watts)
 - Chapter 7 of Town Energy Plan
 - All members to follow similar process as outlined for Mike on energy section.
 - iii. Section 8 - Policy - Bill
 - iv. Section 9 - Renewables - Chuck (Mike co-pilot)
 - v. Laura - Review standards application sections unassigned and project manage; Analysis and Targets review
 - Committee prefers to use the Analysis and Targets as provided by the CCRPC provided there are no egregious errors identified
6. Revisit 2018 budget and discuss 2019 strategy and planning – Continue discussion at next meeting.
- a) Net Zero videos
 - b) Fall 2018 Workshop series – Hope to partner on EVT Button Up campaign, Laura and Bill to learn more and share with the group.
 - c) Municipal building efficiency – Mike motioned to add this to our goals when doing the budget and plan in November; including a recommendation to formalize the energy committee’s participation in the planning process for future building retrofits and new construction.
 - Chuck to send UVM student report on fuel shifting; and Hinesburg Energy Committee Town Report 2018 Committee Activities 2017 and Plans for 2018
 - Act 174 work
 - Affordable Housing
 - Community Solar
 - Energy Stretch Code Adoption
 - Electrical Vehicle Charging Station

7. Video series from net zero workshops
 - Same status.
8. Approve minutes from past meetings
 - Covered previously in the meeting
9. Set agenda for Sep. 4th, 2018 meeting
 1. Call to Order 7:00 PM
 2. Public Comment 7:05PM - 7:10PM
 3. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda 7:10PM - 7:15PM
 4. Discuss meeting minutes for Feb, March, and Aug; approve minutes 7:15PM - 7:25PM
 5. Act 174 discussion with Emily and Alex, work report-out by section owners and next steps 7:25PM – 8:25PM
 6. Finalize Energy Resolution based on Select Board feedback and VGS feedback 8:25PM – 8:35PM
 7. Revisit 2018 budget and discuss 2019 strategy and planning 8:35PM-8:55PM
 - a) Net Zero videos
 - b) Fall 2018 Workshop series
 - c) Municipal building efficiency
 8. Video series from net zero workshops
 9. Set agenda for Oct. 2th, 2018 meeting

Laura motioned to adjourn at 9:15PM, Mike seconded, all were in favor.