



Energy Committee

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Date: September 3, 2019, 7-9PM

Location: Town Hall – Planning Office

Attendees: Chuck Reiss, Bill Scott, Mike Webb

Notes:

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM
2. Public Comment 7:05 PM - 7:10PM
None.
3. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda 7:10PM - 7:15PM
Vermont Electric Coop. Hinesburg Battery Storage
Community Solar
4. Discuss meeting minutes for August; approve minutes 7:15PM - 7:20PM
Bill motioned to approve minutes. Minutes approved by Committee
5. Act 174 discussion, prep for Oct. 1st meeting with Emily Nosse-Leirer 7:20PM-8:20PM
Bill Scott made text updates to the working draft of the Town Plan. The Committee reviewed some of the updates. Updates were sent to Emily Nosse-Leirer for comment as well. Emily has reviewed and approved updates to draft. Emily Nosse-Leirer stated that Alex can edit the maps.
Actions going forward:
 - Chuck- Send draft to Alex for review. Request review with Alex to discuss during the October Energy Committee meeting:
 - Overall progress on Town Plan update
 - Definition of: prohibited, permitted, preferred sites
 - Town interest in identifying additional prohibited locations and preferred sites and what is the process
 - Should maps be in chapter 8, Energy Section, of the Town Plan or the maps section of the Town Plan
 - Discuss process to go to the Regional Planning Commission and Select Board.
6. Follow up to energy resolution passed Town Meeting 2019 8:20 - 8:30 PM

- Chuck will talk to Andrea to determine what the next steps are to formalize/legalize the energy resolution

7. Review educational outreach/ workshops for fall 2019 8:40 – 8:55 PM

Team reviewed budget for workshops.

Team brainstormed ideas for the Fall workshops. The committee decided to do two events in November, one event in the Town Hall and one tour of a home or building that has done efficiency. One event will be Nov 4-8th and the second event would be Nov 18-22nd. The topic for the Town Hall event would be a “button-up/zero energy” workshop. Chuck will talk to Efficiency Vermont about button up topics and reach out to find a potential home to tour.

8. Other agenda items:

1. Reviewed Committee budget and goals for the year
 - a. Municipal Building Energy Assessment
 - i. Chuck reaching out to Efficiency Vermont and Tom Perry
 - b. Study and Outreach for Options to Heat and Electrify Homes
 - i. Project is no longer ongoing. Efforts will be reassigned to another project.
 - c. Preferred Renewable Energy Sites in Hinesburg
 - d. Hinesburg renewable metric
 - i. Team brainstormed ways to develop a metric to measure and communicate the amount of renewable energy in Hinesburg.
 - e. Preferred renewable energy sites in Hinesburg
 - i. Will revisit after discussing process for adding additional preferred sites.
2. Vermont Electric Coop. Hinesburg Battery Storage
 - a. Chuck will request the visit to be October 1st at 5:30
3. Community Solar
 - a. Team brainstormed concepts of how the Town could get involved in community solar. The community solar could be installed on Town property.
 - b. Mike will contact Renae to find out who in the Town we could contact to gauge interest in a Town sponsored community solar project as well as who owns the library/land.
 - c. Step two would be to identify specific potential locations for community solar.
 - d. The committee can also reach out to other building owners to see if they are interested in leasing roof space for community solar.
 - e. The committee could then identify potential community solar developers.
 - f. Chuck will ask VECAN for examples of other successful community solar projects.

- g. Committee can also research rules and regulations related to community solar. The regulations can be found in the net metering rules on the Public Utility Commission website. Preferred site designation is critical for community solar.

8. Set agenda for Oct 1st, 2019 meeting 8:55-9:00PM

1. Potential VEC battery installation site visit 5:30-6:30
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