

Minutes: November 30, 2017  
Craftsbury Energy Committee (CEC)

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Ned Houston, Kevin Gregoire, Lisa Sammet, Susie Houston- Select Board Liaison, Farley Brown- Planning Commission

Guests: Jack Sumberg- Glover, Ann Kehler- Greensboro, Erica Karp- Greensboro, Ann Creaven- Glover

I. Enhanced Energy Plan Process- From Act 174- Farley Brown

A. Farley gave background of the plan

- There are a variety of different elements that must be addressed in the town plan which also must align with the NVDA (Northeastern Vermont Development Association) regional plan which can be found on their website
- If the Town decided not to write their own plan they can defer to the NVDA plan
- Craftsbury Planning Commission has been working with Alison Low of NVDA
- Current Town Plan Energy Section must be amended
- NVDA made a map taking out all the natural constraints in Craftsbury where renewables cannot be placed
- Also, renewables must be near 3-phase power for large projects
- Dec. 6 the Planning Commission is having a meeting which Amelia will attend
- Energy Committee could identify sites for Community Solar
- Alison Low would like some case studies of Craftsbury residents who have taken energy-saving measures to show how much people have saved

2. The Select Board had a meeting in November for all committees and commissions

A. Ned and Kevin represented the CEC and gave an exposition of our projects

- Very successful and useful meeting and should be repeated

3. Town Garage

A. The Town is interested in heating efficiency and functionality of the Town Garage buildings

- Two people from Efficiency Vermont (EVT) came, met with the road crew and Ned
- The old furnace was found to be 81% efficient
- Possible to improve the lighting with new LED lights which will get rebates from EVT if installed
- One garage is very wet and could use an air exchanger and needs ceiling insulation
- Jack reported on the efficiency of the new Glover Town Garage and they are thinking of a dehumidification system to get rid of extra water. They have propane ceiling heating tubes
- EVT will put together a report on what should be done to the garage buildings
- CEC will propose to the Select Board to use the Good Neighbor Fund this year to fund the garage improvements

4. Film showing of "Demain"

A. It was a very long film so there wasn't time for discussion about how to follow up with actions

- Kevin suggests showing the follow-up movie which is shorter and could end with a discussion

5. Regional Energy committees co-hosting plans and events with Greensboro and Glover

A. Film: Inconvenient Sequel showing is being planned

B. Have Rich Nicol do a program on solar energy

6. Mission Statement: Jim Flint was not present so this was passed over

7. Inputs are needed for the VT Agency For Natural Resources on how to use the Volkswagon Mitigation Fund

8. VECAN Carpool

9. New Member recruiting: post on Front Porch Forum (FPF)

10. Outreach: we should each try to post ways to save energy on FPF on a weekly basis

11. Ann Kehler presented the 350.org resolution which might be put on our Town Warning. Lisa will call Yvette and find out how many names are needed to get something on the warning. It may need amendments.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet