

Sharon Energy Committee Meeting
Monday, July 22nd, 2019 @ 05:15 PM

Sharon Town Office

2019-07-22 17:15

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Energy Committee members attending: Ryan Haac, Jill Wilcox

Ryan called the meeting together at 17:38 (5:38 PM).

1. **Public comment period**: No public. No comments.

2. **Approve prior meeting minutes**

Minutes from previous meeting were not approved (Jill could not approve them because she was not present at the previous meeting).

3. **Website content update**

Ryan shared that Margy is making progress with updating the Town's website. Ryan said he believed the website was an important place for the Energy Committee to have a presence (it has not been updated in years, for which he took responsibility for the lapse). Providing content for the website update is now a priority, particularly to help increase EC membership. Jill agreed to review and contribute to a draft.

Additionally, we discussed EC listserv use and its potential. Ryan and Jill agreed that sending out agendas was prudent, as well as a link to each meeting's minutes (as opposed to posting all of this text to the listserv). Ryan noted that with the new Town website, we may be able to upload the documents directly.

4. **Enhanced Energy Plan: mapping**

A mapping exercise is scheduled for the August Planning Commission meeting (Tuesday, August 13th @ 7:30 PMish). Ryan recapitulated the work that the EC completed with TRORC and referred to the mapping session as the final building block of the Enhanced Energy Plan.

Ryan introduced Jill to the VT-ANR webmap and its many features. He noted that he needed to identify the existing constraints using the ANR layers available and have them available for the mapping session. Ryan urged Jill (and any other interested parties) to attend the PC meeting mapping session in August.

5. **Other business**

Jill agreed to be the Climate Change liaison by keeping the EC up to date with State initiatives and progress on climate action.

Jill asked about the Thetford Community Solar array (July 22 was the deadline to join the latest project on Godfrey Road), wondering how community solar projects get started. After noting that community solar is a way for residents without renewable energy generation potential (or with land that is currently in another productive use) to host and benefit from solar energy, Ryan opined that the owner of a desired site likely approaches a solar energy

installer with the idea (the installer would design and build the array and assist with outreach and participant recruitment). In the case of Town property being utilized for renewable energy production, the EC would likely lead the recruitment effort. Ryan stated that the EC would also be happy to help promote any resident-sponsored projects. Jill expressed interest in participating in such a project (or the Thetford Community Solar array, if it's not too late!). Ryan noted that on the Sharon Energy Survey, a cohort of residents also indicated interest in community solar.

6. **Next meeting:** Monday, August 26th, 2019 (2019-08-26 17:15)

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 18:08 (6:08 PM).

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