

Sharon Energy Committee Meeting

Monday, December 23rd, 2019 @ 05:15 PM

Sharon Town Office

2019-12-23 17:15

Draft Minutes

Energy Committee members attending: Dee Gish, Ryan Haac, and Jill Wilcox

Children present: Sol Antonio

Ryan called the meeting together at 17:28 (5:28 PM).

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

2. **Approve prior meeting minutes**

Monday, September 30th, 2019 (2019-09-30 17:15) minutes approved

3. **Enhanced Energy Plan update**

Ryan relayed that he received a “preferred sites” map from Pete at TRORC and thus has all components needed for the Energy Chapter to meet the criteria for an Enhanced Energy Plan. A final version of the chapter text will be submitted early next year for TRORC, the Selectboard and the townspeople to review. The Energy Chapter revisions will be a part of the 2020 Town Plan revisions process.

4. **Digital Thermal Imaging Camera loan program**

Ryan shared his progress in acquiring a communal digital thermal imaging camera to share among Sharon residents. The camera would be available to Sharon residents on a short-term loan basis for no monetary charge through the library. He has received support from both the Selectboard and the library to continue developing the program. Ryan presented the draft lending terms and received some comments. He suggested that the EC provide support and assistance with the equipment and potentially host sporadic home visits for less “technically savvy” residents. He will follow up with the Selectboard to make further progress on the initiative.

5. **Climate Emergency Declaration(s)**

We discussed and wholly supported the inclusion of a climate solutions resolution at Town Meeting 2020 in order to bluntly confront the current and ensuing terrestrial emergency. We discussed declarations from several other municipalities yet felt that a declaration from the Town of Randolph was most applicable as a template. Dee will direct the drafting and distribution of the petition, that needs to be submitted with signatures in mid-January 2020 for Town Meeting in March 2020. Similar language will be drafted as a preface to the Energy Chapter.

6. **Other business**

Dee informed us that as previously discussed, an additional LED streetlamp was installed at the Sharon Park and Ride to accommodate student usage of the facility.

7. **Next meeting:** February 24th, 2020 (note that there is no January 2020 meeting)

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 18:31 (6:31 PM).

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