

Sharon Energy Committee

Remote Access Meeting

Monday, March 22nd, 2020 @ 05:15 PM

2021-03-22 17:15

Draft Minutes

This meeting was held through teleconference and in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law for electronic participation.

Energy Committee members attending: Ryan Haac and Dee Gish

Ryan called the meeting together at 17:29 (5:29 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No public. No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Approval of March 2021 minutes postponed until next meeting.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Ryan provided an update on his work with the IREC and the other Towns involved. Audits of Town buildings, as part of the work with EEI, an Energy Services Company (ESCO), have been postponed until April.

The IREC recently provided us with a draft green procurement policy for our review.

Ryan is excited that the IREC will begin working with the WRVSU to support (and potentially lead) an Energy Commission tasked with finding efficiencies and areas in improve related to energy consumption at all district schools and also looking into how to have a major portion of electricity consumption generated by renewable sources. The position will be supported through the IREC program by all IREC towns in the district, as well as by TRORC.

4. **Sharon Town Plan – Energy Chapter updates**

Ryan and Dee attended a fruitful special Planning Commission meeting in March to discuss the content and language in the Energy Chapter. The special meeting in April (April 20, 2021 @ 7 PM) will be focused on Town policy language in the document; he urged other EC members to attend.

5. **UV E-bike Library**

Ryan developed a proposed schedule for lending out up to 4 electric bikes that we will have in Sharon from May 30th to June 13th. There will be 2 to 3 day loans during the week for commuters to try out the bikes on their commute, as well as “demo days” on the weekend for folks to schedule demos of the bikes.

6. **Legislative update from Jill**

No Jill in attendance.

7. **Real carbon solutions**

Ryan glowingly recommended the film “Kiss the Ground.” He watched it online through a virtual film screening through Sustainable Woodstock. He thought the film portrayed a series of real carbon solutions, making a clear and convincing case that the choices we make as individuals (e.g., purchasing real food from real people) and as a society (e.g., government subsidizing conventional industrial ag is part of the problem) are actionable, meaningful, and critical to the survival of our species.

8. **Other business**

Dee requested that we change the recurring meeting time to 5:30. Ryan agreed it would be better for him as well. As such:

9. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 26th, 2021 (2021-04-26 17:30)

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM.

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