

## Sharon Energy Committee Meeting

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 04:45 PM

Sharon Town Office

15 School Street, Sharon VT 05065

2022-10-24 16:45

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

Present outside the Town Office: Ryan Haac (EC)

On the phone: Dee Gish (EC)

Ryan called the meeting together at 16:48 (4:48 PM).

### 1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

### 2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

The minutes from the prior meeting (2022-09-26 16:45) were approved unanimously.

### 3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Ryan reported the following:

- The Selectboard will be discussing and defining IREC goals in a special meeting on 10/28.
- The Community Action Group Sub-Group is building a database of resources that includes current incentives for energy investments, events, etc. for a website. An example of one event is a virtual expert panel discussion titled: Planting for Climate Resilience: Landscaping with Native Trees for Food, Habitat, Utility, and Beauty that is scheduled for after this meeting (7 PM).

We discussed if the IREC should put any effort from Sharon into the “Community Driven Transport Plan for the Northeast” being pursued by the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP). We concluded that we were well represented with the regional interests involved (Vital Communities, TRORC, etc) and the IREC should remain engaged in work more directly related to Sharon Town.

### 4. **Mutual Aid Shelf**

Not discussed

### 5. **VCRD Climate Economy Resilient Communities Application Discussion**

We talked about the range of opportunities that the offer of support VCRD entails. Ryan suggested that that VCRD could serve as a facilitator for a special Town[wide] meeting to realign and revive a Community Resilience Organization, specifically addressing

collaboration among groups in town and immediate vicinity support networks throughout town. We agreed to pursue the idea with an application. Ryan will work with Sue Sellew, who offered to assist with submitting an application for this opportunity, to write up the idea and get an application submitted

6. **Actions on Climate Change and Real Carbon Solutions**

Ryan shared some glowing observations from his recent visit to Pocket Park in South Strafford. We agreed that replicating this idea in Sharon should be a priority and brainstormed some of the specifics like ownership and funding. The next step is to discuss this with the Sharon Food Justice Garden stakeholders over the winter.

7. **Other Business**

None discussed.

8. Ryan and Dee discussed the meeting time and attendance. We determined that 6 PM would be a more manageable meeting time going forward. Therefore, the next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM (2022-11-28 18:00)

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 5:13 PM.

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