

Enhanced Energy Planning SubCommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2018  
4:30 to 6:00 Thetford Town Hall

Present: Kimberly Gilbert, Mike Kiess, Alice Stewart, Phebe McCosker, Li Shen

Future Meetings – Budget constraints limit TRORC to perhaps one more visit by Kimberly and Chris. We can call and email. **Kimberly will look into whether TRORC can afford the time of a visit to their offices by our Subcommittee.**

Comments on 11 April 2018 minutes from Chris:

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1. Pick top 4 TEC accomplishments for plan, list the rest on our TEC page of the town website. Mike Action: decide at TEC meeting 15 May 2018  
Suggested “TEC, in consultation with town officials, explore enforcement of the VT Residential Building Energy Standards”
2. Collaborate with Vital Communities Green Real Estate Program for home-buyer education
3. Include recommendation that TEC create a group of volunteers to assist people in accessing low income energy assistance. This group could network with area programs that offer assistance to low-income people, letting the programs know that TEC volunteers can be navigators for people to successfully apply for these programs. Action: get approval for volunteer group idea at TEC meeting 15 May 2018. Thetford EEP to write up this paragraph and send to Kimberly.
4. TEC explore whether regional adult education could offer this weatherization training.

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2. List this as a recommendation that TEC is the actor on Education that targets transition points as opportunities for energy changes – when systems need replacements, when occupants are aging, switch to heat pumps, efficient wood heat.

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1. Mike Action: bring up review of building audits at TEC meeting 15 May 2018
2. We noted that TEC should be reaching out to TES concerning energy efficiency at their site.
3. Alice action: contact [dashboard@eanvt.org](mailto:dashboard@eanvt.org) with CPG# NM-5037 to get TES array included in dashboard
4. Do not include DPW reference. Policy suggestion is fine. “Any new town building construction should include consideration of solar potential and building efficiency standards to minimize energy costs”.

Mapping:

Mapping Standards for the Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans

We discussed which of the 2 choices we have for meeting the mapping standards.

We can identify specific parcels as approved sites or we can develop a text based criteria. Parcel by parcel is not practical for us. We will provide text-based criteria.

Mike Action: get approval for mapping text idea at TEC meeting 15 May 2018

We have many questions about GMP grid distribution limitations and zoning rules about renewable sources. **Kimberly please ask Chris and TRORC about organizing a workshop on this topic for area towns.**

Existing energy generation map only shows projects 15kw or larger. Phebe action: For small solar installations, get list from dashboard and provide locations to TRORC for map inclusion.

Next meeting 15 May 2018

4:30 to 7:00 Mike will bring snacks