

Thetford Energy Committee Meeting Draft Minutes – July 10, 2018, 5pm, Town Hall

TEC Present: Mike Kiess, Mary Bryant, Joel Legunn, Erica Ko, Chris Hebb, Manny Grewal

Guests Present: Phebe McCosker

Called to order - 5 PM

Proposed Additional Topics: Approved

Hartford's Energy Coordinator impact - Geoff Martin shared some of the things Hartford has accomplished with a dedicated coordinator. We will consider as part of our strategic planning.

Upper Valley Community Work Day - Organized by Vital Communities for Sat Aug 25th. Great ideas for local community work. A little too much for our TEC plate right now.

TES Bike Path - discuss next meeting

Review and approve minutes from June 12th, 2018 meeting – unanimously approved

Future of the TEC – Aug. 2nd, 2018 from 5-9pm at the Thetford Center Community Center.

There will be a dinner break in the middle of the eve. Mary will make dinner order from Indian restaurant. Will use TEC account for funding. In preparation for the meeting,

Alice and Phebe will share recommended TEC roles from EEP – what do we want TEC to do.

Session may include Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis.

Backward planning – Theory of Change.

Mike and Mary will do some session planning and make assignments to TEC.

May use Vital Communities' Strategic Energy Toolkit at <http://www.nhenergy.org/strategic-energy-action.html> We will be going through the exercises in the toolkit as part of the planning process. Mary and Pete will be pulling this planning session together and if anyone wants to help them with that, please contact them.

Bob will also invite Jim Masland, Tim Briglin, Stuart Blood, Stuart Rogers.

Mary will draft an announcement to go to the listserv about our planning process and seeking input from community members about our past activities and future work.

2019 Budget – we will use output of strategic planning to develop 2019 and beyond budget
2018 balance – town \$624 expires 2018, special reserve \$456 rolls over

Enhanced Energy Planning Update – Update from Phebe. Minutes of June 20 EEP meeting attached. Have received draft report from Kimberly of TRORC. Next meeting July 12th. TRORC is missed. EEP subcommittee may go to TRORC office in the future. Mapping exercise underway. Goal is to get inclusive community review of first draft.



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Renewables Site Review Committee – There is an existing process for review that includes Selectboard, Energy Committee, and Planning Commission. Planning Commission consults with Conservation Commission, if needed.

2018 Sustainability Programs –

Discuss any remaining preparations for July 14th Vermod event?

Most of TEC will be there – Mary sending spreadsheet with assigned duties – food prep, serving, kid monitoring.

Food and tables in the cafeteria. Vermod trailer and kid activities will be on pavement in front of gym.
Food – samosas, cookies, grapes, hot dogs, napkins, condiments, veggie rolls or veggie platter, gluten free crackers
Water – cups from TCCC
Signage at I-91 and on 113
Eff VT Phoebe will bring kid games

Part 2 ideas - "Show Me the Money" - Dave Keefe of Efficiency VT. Personal savings. Maybe orient toward lower capital / lower income. DIY. Maybe TEC provides materials. TEC can coordinate neighbor to neighbor assistance. Maybe multiple workshops in different venues. Growing season extension hoop houses. Probably need to replace materials we installed 10 years ago. Erica will check with COVER to see if they can provide some training. Mike ask Tracy if TEC can provide some materials using TEC funds or reserve funds.

Erica working on "Local Food" Dinner - couple of local speakers - "Mindful Carnivore" author. Root cellar tour. Fish and Game clubs in Thetford and Lebanon. Erica going to Fish and Game club on Thursday. Also reached out local farms. Potential dates Oct 13th or 20th.

"Economic Development" - VT or NH towns. Texas Mayor – 100% renewable town – about the money. Mike Pomeroy a community leader we want to involve. Shane Rogers "Rooted in VT" 3% = \$300 million. Mike ask Vital Communities about Local First Alliance participation.

We will promote Electric Vehicle Expo organized by New London Energy Ctee.

Discuss suggestion from Mary (for strategic planning meeting): "I'm contemplating having one of the Part II events be one of a process where we make surveys for the towns folks, as we discussed in our last meeting, This would be to find out what people actually want us to do, how can we be helpful, how can their needs be our mission to help with reaching the 90% fossil fuel free. It would help build support and input and awareness from the town. People like to have a say. This would make for better relations with more folks. This could also dovetail with our new vision/mission event on Aug. 2. It could help point our compass to clearer goals that would be most useful and desirable to the town."

2018 Button UP Vermont Campaign – Vital Communities is partnering with Efficiency VT and VECAN to support this year's button up campaign in the Upper Valley. The "Button Up Hero" version of Button Up is modeled after Weatherize Upper Valley. If we are interested in working with Vital Communities, we can let Paige Heverly and Sarah Brock know, and complete a short survey for Efficiency VT. Mike get back to Paige and let her know we are interested in creating replicable workshop(s).



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Town Website Support - Miranda Clemson, of Fairlee, is now receiving the entries put on the forms portal on the home page of our website, and can help with committee page changes. <miranda.clemson@gmail.com>

Energy Tip: Hot Weather tip

Next TEC Meeting Dates – Thursday Aug 2nd, 5pm-9pm
Sept 11th, 5 PM, Town Hall