

## Thetford Energy Committee Meeting Approved Minutes – Oct 10, 2018, 5pm, Town Hall

**TEC Present:** Mary Bryant, Chris Hebb, Joel Legunn, Alice Stewart, Mike Kiess, Erica Ko, Manohar Grewal

**Guests Present:** Phebe McCosker

**Call to order: 5:09 PM**

### **Proposed Additional Topics:**

Website update from Alice - Miranda has been very responsive with small changes. We still need to update other content. Erica and Manny will do quick review to scrub out expired info. Alice will ask Tracy if TEC can have supplemental website.

A second community array idea from Wolfe Energy

### **Review and approve minutes from Sept 11, 2018 meeting –**

#### **1. TEC Strategic Planning (60 Min)**

A. Project scoring (from Sept 11 list and EEP list)

Transportation:

6 votes EV charging stations at businesses. Maybe East Thetford or Thetford Center. SHORT TERM

3 votes Park and Ride at Thetford Academy

2 votes Municipal electric transit vanpools - Rte 5, 113, 132 to Norwich/Hanover/WRJ hub, for rush hour & individuals off peak.

Park and rides with bike and people shelters with solar on top

2 votes Electric school buses

Town drivers

Community car share or truck share

Add from EEP list - Lobby the state for full shoulders to serve as sidewalks and bike lanes within the State right of way

Energy Efficiency:

4 votes Local Goods and Services Directory

Tool+ library

Add from EEP: advocate for creative adjustments of statewide weatherization program infrastructure to support us in local weatherization efforts

Energy Generation:

Post Mills Landfill Solar with battery storage and micro-grid

5 votes TA Solar, possibly on gym roof SINGLE PROJECT

Protect access to solar generation

Wind generation

Housing:

8 votes Low income housing weatherization toward 25% more efficiency. ONGOING, LONG TERM

Support low income residents in accessing weatherization funding and programs

Co-housing, shared housing

2 votes Designated net-zero housing zone close to park and ride

Farming area & winter greenhouse

Some low income & senior housing

2 votes Annual TEC energy fair hootenanny to keep town informed

CONCLUSION - We will focus on low-income weatherization as our long-term effort over the next few years. In parallel, we will one work on one short term project at a time. EV charging stations likely first, followed by TA solar. An annual TEC "hootenanny" is important to share what we are doing.

B. Project Planning Assignments

C. Sharing decisions outside TEC

## **2. Recent events (15 min)**

A. Reports

B. Lessons Learned

C. Follow Up

Electric Expo (Mary) - 40 attendees. Presenters had a great time.

Vital Communities Low Income Weatherization Workshop (Manny & Joel) - Great participants. Good framework for our Low Income planning. Joel sent materials to all by email.

Utilities 101 Presentation - not able to attend.

## **3. Upcoming events (15 min)**

A. Status

B. Internal and External help needed

Renewable Energy VT conference, Oct 18th and 19th - (Manny applied, nothing heard) Manny will follow up

Oct 20 Local Food Dinner (Erica) 5-8PM at TA. 3 guest speakers. Vegan turned hunter, local foods expert, leader of Thetford Fish and Game club. Help needed - follow up with farms for donations/promotions.

Erica sending list of farms and who needs follow up contact. All look for personal contacts at farms and reach out on behalf of TEC. Flyer posting help needed. Mike contacted Casey Huling to help promote. Erica emailing other energy committee. Mary will pick up and return dishes. Need set up (4 PM) / clean up help. Personal invites please!

Button Up Vermont Button Up Champions Program (Mike) - Mike missed EffVt Planning meetings. Mike has followed up with Paul Markowitz and signed MOU for TEC to get weatherstripping kits and conduct two public events when we are ready. Paul said okay if not until 2019.

Enhanced Energy Planning (Phebe & Alice) - Chris Damiani departing TRORC. Alice and Phebe ensuring tasks complete or in hands of Kimberly.

## **4. New Opportunities (20 min)**

A. Grants

B. Partner programs and projects

C. New potential partners, volunteers, other resources

Oct 18 TRAC Candidate Forum (Mike will share by email.)

Doc Bagley storm window workshop (Mike for Bob)

Grant for EV Parking Stations (Mary) - Due Nov 30 EVSE Program Guidelines and Application. Mary will figure out tasks and get help for doing and for project management. Joel a great resource for writing.

Phebe responded to Dori to tell her we are generally in favor of a second community solar project and will support.

## **5. Energy tip for town newsletter**

Foam Gaskets?? Alice and Mike will work on instructions and Food Shelf distribution.

## **6. Financial Report**

We will use output of strategic planning to develop 2019 and beyond budget

2018 balance – town \$ expires 2018, special reserve \$456 rolls over

We will work on budget in our November meeting. Alice will bring template to next meeting.

**Next TEC Meeting Date – Nov 13, 2018**