

## DRAFT Thetford Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – Nov 13, 2018, 5pm, Town Hall

**TEC Present: Chris Hebb, Manohar Grewal, Mary Bryant, Mike Kiess, Alice Stewart**

**Guests Present: Phebe McCosker, Dori Wolfe**

**Call to order: 5:11 PM**

**Proposed Additional Topics: None**

**Review and approve minutes from Sept 11, 2018 and Oct 9, 2018 meetings – Unanimously approved.**

### **1. TEC Strategic Planning (30 Min)**

We've decided that 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.

A. Project Planning Assignments

B. Sharing decisions outside TEC

Evaluation needs to be a part of our planning.

Roles of current TEC members - who is available to participate.

Bob is interested in being part of Low Income Weatherization planning.

Phebe is interested in being part of Low Income Weatherization and Renewable development planning.

Manny is interested in Low Income Weatherization planning.

Mike is interested in Transportation planning, if there is enough people to do Low Income Weatherization planning.

Chris interested in renewable development and EV charging project.

Mary will wait and contribute energy to existing plans.

Erica will wait and contribute energy to existing plans.

Alice will support including evaluation in plans.

Manny, Bob, Phebe will make a start on Low Income Weatherization plan outline.

Mike and Chris will make a start on Renewables and Transportation plan outline.

Mike will resend planning template.

### **2. Recent events (10 min)**

A. Reports

B. Lessons Learned

C. Follow Up

Oct 18 and 19 Renewable Energy VT conference (Manny)

Oct 20 Local Food dinner (Erica)

Stagecoach petition (Mike)

Enhanced Energy Planning recommendations for preferred status of land designated as Prime Agricultural land have been developed in consultation with TRORC and the Conservation Commission by Alice and Phebe. They will schedule a briefing with the Selectboard and others prior to submission of the EEP.

### **3. Upcoming events/activities (10 min)**

A. Status

B. Internal and External help needed

Button Up Vermont Button Up Champions Program (Mike) - Mike has received materials from Paul Markowitz. Can be used as part of our low income weatherization projects.

Enhanced Energy Planning (Phebe & Alice)

Website update (Alice)

VECAN - Dec. 1 at Lake Morey Inn going - Erica, Mike, Chris, Manny, Alice (maybe), Phebe? signs - Phebe and Mike? Register and share sessions you signed up for.

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

A. Grants

B. Partner programs and projects

C. New potential partners, volunteers, other resources

Doc Bagley storm window workshop (Mike for Bob) - can be part of low income weatherization planning

Grant for EV Parking Stations (Mary) - Due Nov 30 [EVSE Program Guidelines and Application](#).

Stagecoach liaison

Municipal energy data to the Energy Action Network for the Community Energy Dashboard (Mike for Bob)

Thetford Academy "School Pool" (Mike)

Energy Advocacy Council meeting - Thursday, November 15 from 10:30 -12 at the LISTEN Community Services office in Lebanon (60 Hanover St, Lebanon, NH 03766). Mike will resend to TEC.

TSCS Phase 2 (Dori Wolfe) - There is a parcel between Godfrey Road and Interstate 91 that is a possible site. It is adjacent to wetlands, and is designated prime ag land, but has not been used for agriculture for more than 5 years. Possible designs include concurrent utilization for beekeeping, grazing, pollinator crops, removable array. Potential partners are Strafford Energy Committee and Fairlee Energy Committee. Potential off-taker is Town of Fairlee. Could also explore low-income component of array. Area is somewhat screened from houses and Interstate by existing vegetation. Fencing can be provided or not based on desired utilization.

We recommend preferred status for this project, based on a design that allows the land to be returned to agricultural use as required by the State. This project is consistent with the draft siting recommendations in the Thetford Enhanced Energy Plan currently under development. We request that any necessary reseeding use a pollinator friendly seed mix appropriate to the site. Mike will inform Dori and send letter to Selectboard.

#### **5. Energy tip for town newsletter (5 min) - LED Christmas lights**

#### **6. Financial Report (10 min)**

2019 Budget (Alice)

We had \$600 for 2018, have about \$400 remaining. We've used the Thetford 2050 grant in 2018 to pay for many things that operating funds usually paid for.

Categories for 2019 - Weatherization workshops and materials. Annual education and conferences.

Public education and promotion of transportation and renewable generation. Consulting fees to finalize EEP. Alice will write request for \$750.

**Next TEC Meeting Date** – December 11, 2018