



Town of Huntington



Huntington Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

→ Town Office (Downstairs) - Huntington Center ←

Ross Ogilvie - Chair
Miranda Keir
Nayo Ogilvie
Duncan Keir
Christa Shute
Yves Gonnet
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Approval of minutes from May 18, 2017 meeting: Minutes approved, as amended and reviewed.

Old business

Town buildings: Duncan put together a spreadsheet. Yves sent an email with the square footage. Ross will compare that to a metric of usage across the country.

Periodic FPF postings were discussed. Miranda will email the new list.

Duncan counted streetlights - there were 8 between the Center and Mayo Road. The town only pays for two streetlights. Given that the town is only paying for two streetlights, it was agreed that we would not pursue getting LED's for those two streetlights.

Act 174:

Ross connected with Everett, who sent a report including energy usage graphs. There has been no feedback from the town.

Item 1 regards land that contains state and local constraints vs. no constraints. We will say "yes" to Item 1 - we would like to attend training sessions.

Item 2: We do not want to agree to Item 2, because it would keep us from being able to use land we might otherwise be able to use. There is no way to amend Item 2 to our needs – we can only give a “yes” or “no” answer.

We do not want to be precluded by missing the June 16 deadline. We need to ask for an extension, and find out how long we can get an extension for. We might need a special meeting, go through the maps, bring out Vermont atlases, be able to come in with questions, etc. We need to include things like local preferred sites. Ross will get hold of Melanie Needle. We will have a special meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, just with the committee, then talk to members of the select board.

There are no plans for wind on the projections that were given to us. Is the State factoring in wind? Less than half of the power we are using would be generated in town. Are we okay with this?

We would like to meet with them specifically about this document.

Items 2-4: We will ask for more time to respond to questions 2-4.

Item 5: We will say "yes" to No. 5, requiring local assistance.

Ross will ask that we be included on emails from Chittenden County RPC.

HEC Goals:

Yves has been trying to take the picture of our brainstorming session and distill it. He passed out a 3-page spreadsheet with columns for objectives, indicators, and comments for each goal.

The reason we need generation in Huntington is so that we have decided where it will be, not the State coming in and telling us where it will be.

Regarding the regulatory item that drives what we do: Act 174 is our guide. How do we get to 90% by 2050 in the Town of Huntington? We need to figure out how to turn the goals into something measurable. Then we will need to figure out how to make it something that town members get to do, not that they have to do, so that it does not become something that is imposed.

Ross will contact VEC and GMP to find out how to get subsidized electric plugs at the town library and another point in town.

Several buildings in town have been looking into getting solar panels. There is a business called Green Lantern whose purpose is to get communities to install solar.

Continued Carbon Forum:

We still want to flesh out doing a workshop, but have decided to wait until Fall. We want to build off the momentum, and provide education and action steps. We are now moving away from doing a fair, because people loved the potluck beforehand, and the freedom of sub-conversations.

The Planning Commission has a public meeting with the new zoning regulations in town. Everett has covered a lot of these bases in the new regulations. There is a copy on the town site. We should look at that. The maps are available in the office.

Location for Tuesday and materials. Read the CCRPC document.