



**Huntington Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**

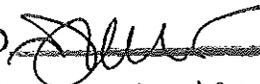
Monday, October 20, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

→ Town Office (upstairs) – Huntington Center ←

Attendance: Dan Stoddard, Dave Clarke, Diane Reynolds, Ross Ogilvie, Knox Cummin, Anijk James, Duncan McDougall, Maggie Twitchell-Wood, and Heidi Racht

5:30 *Call to Order & Agenda Review / Proposed Changes*

The meeting started on time at 5:30.

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5:35 *Approval of Minutes*

The committee agreed to last month's meeting minutes

5:35 *Public Comment – 5 minutes*

There was no public comment



5:40 *New Comments or thoughts on: – 5 minutes*

- a) *Trading Dryers for close lines*
- b) *Living in Huntington with out a car.*
- c) *Heating Fuel comparison spread sheet*

The committee discussed finishing up each of these project studies and putting the results on the energy committee web site some time in December. We also discussed asking Nancy Stoddard if she could update the energy committee page to include a place for these studies. Dan volunteered to follow up with Nancy on the energy web page.

5:45 *SunCommon Presentation, Maggie Twitchell – 15 minutes*

a) *Pick a date for the presentation*

The committee picked 11/17/2014 at 7:00 PM in the Library.

- Ross will follow up to confirm and reserve the library at this time.

b) *Get Details from Maggie of what she needs for the presentation (time, format, projector, screen ...)*

Maggie proposed a 10-20 min presentation with 40-50 min of Q & A

The Library has a big screen and a projector that can be used.

We also agreed that this presentation / workshop would only include solar / heat pumps and we would save the Community Solar topic for another workshop.

c) *Organize a sub committee and schedule a meeting to organize the advertising library setup and snacks at the presentation.*

- Heidi (working at her desk) offered to mention the presentation / workshop in the Times Ink. Maggie and Heidi will follow up with some appropriate words describing the presentation.
- Ross will bring some cheese and crackers and Maggie offered to bring cider.
- Ross will also follow up with the committee (email and perhaps another committee meeting) to finish preparations for this event, including advertising, Library reservations, Library setup and teardown.....

*6:00 Discussion with the Waterbury "LEAP" Chair, Duncan McDougall. Discussion to include LEAP experience, getting the Huntington Energy Committee up and running, and possible things the committee could be doing to best serve the community. – 55 minutes*

Duncan McDougall started out describing the LEAP evolution over the last 8 years. The LEAP organization decided to establish as an independent non-profit organization committee. This allowed independent financing with donations and grants that might otherwise not be available to the LEAP organization if it were a committee attached to the town.

Next Duncan described the many accomplishments of LEAP including Energy Fairs, Solar Fests, engaging and challenging the public and Kids to reach energy goals. LEAP challenged itself to become the greenest town in Vermont by 2020. LEAP partners with organizations, businesses, and experts in green energy and energy efficiency to enable change in their town to reach their greenest town goal.

After each event or promotion of green energy people in LEAP follow up with measurements and celebrate any successes.

Some of the specific suggestions Duncan had for us is to be careful to not burn out. We should pick a limited number of events or activities, and do each well. After the event measure results and celebrate accomplishments. For example if any installations of solar heat pumps occur as a result of our SunCommon forum, publish results this and celebrate the results. Also hold meetings with published agendas and minutes with follow up to-do's and names of the people that will follow up.

Duncan suggested we look at the LEAP web site for more information about the organization and their accomplishments.

Many thanks to Duncan for his effort with LEAP and helping the Huntington Energy Committee get reestablished.

*6:55 Other/New Business – 5 minutes*

The committee mentioned Community Solar (community net metering) and solar for the town buildings. These discussions were tabled and will be added to future agendas.

**7:00 Wrap-up**

We spent some time summarizing the follow-up to-dos including:

- 1) Maggie and Heidi will follow up with some appropriate words regarding the forum for the Times Ink.
- 2) Ross Ogilvie email the committee organizing the reservation, advertisements, setup and tear down of the library for the upcoming SunCommon presentation.
- 3) Ross and Maggie Bring refreshments to the Library for the presentation

4) Dan Stoddard follow up with Nancy to change the website.

*7:00 Adjourn*

Knox Cummin made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Diane Reynolds and the meeting was adjourned.