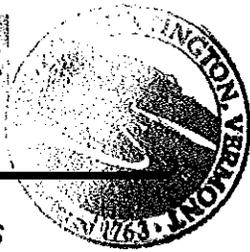




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Huntington Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

Town Office (Downstairs) – Huntington Center

Attendance: Dave Clark, Dan Stoddard, Diane Reynolds, Knox Cummings, Maggie Twitchell-Wood & Ross Ogilvie,

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

- The meeting started on time at 5:30.

5:35 Approval of Minutes

- The committee approved last month's meeting minutes

5:35 Public Comment – 5 minutes

- No Public Comment

5:40 Suncommon Discussion with Maggie Twitchell-Wood, – 20 minutes

a) Update on town solar baseline and people installing solar after solar-heat pump workshop

- Maggie mentioned some results from the workshop.
 - There was one heat pump sale after the workshop
- As for the Baseline green energy in Huntington Maggie's records at Suncommon shows 42 solar installs, 3 of which are heat pump installs.

b) How do we move forward on CSAs?

- Maggie mentioned the next step is to get 10-12 hosts willing to offer 1 acre for solar panels.

b) Schedule another workshop for CSAs?

- Maggie said no, not until we have a host

c) Are there any potential CSA host's in town?

- Maggie mentioned we would like one CSA on GMP and one on VEC. The VEC is probably more important as there are currently fewer CSAs on VEC. We are looking for 10-12 potential hosts. HEC members agreed to ask 3 people this coming month to see if they would be interested in hosting a CSA. We also agreed to ask Heidi Racht to see if we can get a list of land owners.
- Maggie mentioned the following details and will go confirm after the meeting. Suncommon is looking for 1-5 acres, with no other purpose. 70% of each acre would be filled with panels. Host might receive around \$1K-\$1.5K for each acre or could receive

around \$20K up front. The land would have an easement against the land for 50 or more years. Each acre would supply electricity for 25 to 30 houses. Each household buying into the CSA depending on their current electricity consumption would join the CSA at a minimum of 2% of the array capacity at a rate starting at around \$ 74.26 per month. Increments from the minimum of 2% go up in 1% increments.

6:00 Any new HEC candidates (we could use 2 more) and HEC volunteers – 5 min

- No one had any suggestions for new members other than Dan Stoddard thinking we need a HEC clerk to follow (and check) our processes and insure appropriate documents are posted.
- Diane Reynolds again this month mentioned perhaps looking for HEC volunteers. Diane suggested putting something in FPF asking for volunteers.
- Dave Clark agreed to follow up with Mike Weston, principal at MMU, about finding a student for creating the logo and possibly another student to join the committee who might be the clerk.

6:05 Update on grant application to New England Grassroots Environmental Fund – 10 minutes

- Diane Reynolds mentioned she got some feedback that the *New England Grassroots Environmental Fund* will not pay for a logo. She will make appropriate changes to the applications and submit before the next HEC meeting.

6:15 Budget Discussion – 15 minutes

a) Logo (Responses from potential logo designers)

- Dan Stoddard said Kacey Sequin is interested in coming up with a Logo
- Ross Ogilvie will follow up with John Hadden to see if he is interested in developing a Logo

b) Banner (Who do we contact for this? How to proceed?)

- TBD

c) Advertising (What type of advertising? How Much?)

- TBD

6:30 Establishing the town baseline for Green Energy – 20 minutes

- TBD

a) Installed Solar Baseline?

b) Average Car MPGs and Miles traveled per week?

c) Home heating efficiency baseline?

d) Town Building baseline?

e) Others?

6:50 Other/New Business – 5 minutes

- Ross Ogilvie mentioned Andrea Ogilvie mentioned Brewster-Pierce School is going to be replacing some heaters and wanted to know if the energy committee wanted to get involved. Everyone agreed yes we should. Starting we should get Efficiency Vermont or someone to perform an audit and make suggestions.

6:55 Wrap-up – 5 minutes

- Ross Ogilvie will follow up with John Hadden regarding logo
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- Dan Stoddard will follow up with Kacy Chicoine regarding logo
- Diane Reynolds will submit the grant application and put a request in FPF asking for volunteers.

7:00 Adjourn

- Business was finished and the meeting was adjourned.