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Hartford Energy Commission Minutes
February 28, 2019

Present: Fred Randall, Martha McDaniel, Paige Greenfield, Erik Krauss, Lynn Bohi, Niki Thran; Alan Johnson, Selectboard Liaison; Geoff Martin, staff

Erik called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Erik welcomed Paige, who was appointed by the Selectboard this week.

Minutes:

After some wording changes and a typo, Martha moved and Fred seconded that the January minutes be accepted as amended. The motion passed.

Tabling at Community Day on March 2:

Erik checked with the members that had volunteered last month to see if they are still available. Ryan is ill, and Geoff would like to attend his town's meeting. Paige is available. Erik will bring his laptop and Alan will have his phone to supply a hotspot. There is new information on the VT Energy Dashboard website concerning carpooling and transportation in general. The table will have the HEC quarter sheet, Go! Vermont sign up, and the Town Plan meeting dates. HEC was asked to record any questions from the public that are not anticipated.

Work Group Objectives:

- Transportation: Martha, Ryan, Paige
- Building Integrity: Lynn, Erik
- Renewables: Niki, Fred

Martha will help Geoff put electricity data for town owned buildings into Portfolio Manager. Each of the above groups is asked to use the Energy Plan to list priorities and measurable objectives that includes scope, timeline, milestones, resources, and dependencies. Commissioners are also asked to think about budget items needed for October budget planning. Erik suggested that the Commission record its successes on the HEC page of the Town website. There will be some overlap between work groups.

Mission Statement:

There is a HEC mission statement, but it is not used, or generally known. It would be good to have the mission on all printed materials. There are goals listed on the HEC webpage. They seem more like aspirations, rather than the mission or measurable objectives. Nevertheless, they should be reviewed yearly. The current mission statement needs some re-wording. Martha and Erik volunteered to do so. Commissioners should look at the bylaws on SharePoint (administrative, HEC guidance documents,

bylaws) to see if anything else should be changed, since bylaw changes need to be approved by the Selectboard.

Municipal Projects:

Wastewater: Efficiency Vermont (EVT) toured the Quechee treatment plant. Topics include: lights, pumps on sludge containers using variable frequency drives, oversized pumps, and a timer to turn pumps on and off when staff is not there. They also discussed the GMP Flexible Demand Pilot Program designed to shave demand, but the program is closed.

Electric Car RFP: The request asks for 12, 24, and 36 month lease quotes. Several local dealers and one leasing company are working on a response. Proposals are due March 8.

Olcott Falls: The 100kW solar farm is complete and producing electricity. The door to door campaign was a success, with 25 people answering the door. In all, 15 signed up for the one-touch program and 12 signed up with Cover. No one answered the door at 15 homes. It was a success and should be duplicated in other parks.

Telematics: The program is not going to be continued because it has not realized the savings that were predicted. The success of the technology depends on a number of factors, including the department heads being able to use the data. Unfortunately they do not have the time to make good use of the data. Also there have been errors in the data that Verizon has been unable to fix. Idling seems to be the biggest problem across the fleet from an energy perspective, and solutions to this are being researched.

WABA: Zambonis use hot water when resurfacing the ice. A company, called REALice Technology, has a new method for resurfacing that doesn't require hot water, and Geoff is talking to the company.

Sterling Springs: The development has some land that might work for a solar array. This could be a community solar array that the residents of Sterling Springs, as well as other Hartford residents, could benefit from.

CROH:

Niki and Lynn went to the January and February meetings. CROH asked if HEC wanted to co-sponsor some events: specifically, a movie called the Reluctant Radical. CROH decided not to sponsor the movie. They are replacing the movie with a Legislative Update from the Windsor County Senator who is Chair of the Climate Caucus. Topics will be plastics, energy, and climate. CROH is happy to share the neighborhood captains with HEC. Niki and Lynn should share notes on the meetings on SharePoint.

Miscellaneous updates:

- Northeast Mayors for Carbon Pollution Pricing has not responded to outreach.
- The public meeting on the Draft Energy Chapter in January went well.

- Tabling in Town Hall for tax deadline went well, with about 60 quarter sheets handed out.
- April 6 Waterbury has an energy festival. HEC received the email announcement about it.
- The Town Plan is on the Town website, but it is hard to read right now. Geoff and Dillon will work on it.
- Flavors of the Valley on Sunday, April 7 – the transportation work group will connect with Bethany about table sharing to promote Go! Vermont and a few more items.

March Agenda:

One pager info sheets, workgroup objectives, Valley Quest for energy sites, how-to tips on the website, case studies, testimonials, editorials, and blog posts are all topics that may be on the agenda for March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bohi, Clerk