

# ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

## NORWICH ENERGY COMMITTEE NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Tracy Hall

### Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Linda Gray (NEC Chair), Chris Damiani (TRORC), Dee Gish (TRORC), Susan Hardy (NEC), Aaron Lamperti (NEC), Norm Levy (NEC), Courtney Dragiff (NCC)

**Members Absent:** Jaci Allen (PC), Jeff Goodrich (PC)

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert      **Others:** Linda Cook (SB), Luke Boyden

Chris Damiani, of Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

### 1. Agenda Approved and Introductions

### 2. Comments from the Public - None

### 3. Structure, Purpose, and Goals of Group

- a. Consensus that this subcommittee will meet the first Tuesday each month through July, 2018. Agendas and minutes will be posted on the Town of Norwich - Planning Commission website and will be distributed on the Town of Norwich Mailing List.
- b. Chris Damiani from TRORC explained that this planning process is intended to help the state reach its energy goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and switching to renewable energy (90% by 2050). The final town enhanced energy plan will have to meet state standards covering 3 areas: data, pathways (i.e., policies), and mapping. Both data and mapping information will be provided by TRORC.
- c. By developing a plan the town will earn a “determination of energy compliance.” which will elevate the town’s standing in the Public Utilities Commission Section 248 permitting process, which applies to siting most renewable energy generation facilities.
- d. Chris also explained that the final product can either be incorporated into the Town Plan, or be a stand-alone document that is referenced by the Town Plan.

- e. Before the next meeting Chris will review and annotate the current Town Plan (now approved by the Planning Commission, forwarded to the Selectboard) and encouraged other subcommittee members to do so as well. This draft is available at: <http://norwich.vt.us/2017-town-plan-documents-Selectboard-Draft/>.
- f. There was discussion of the role of a Town Plan in goals, objectives and policies, but generally no regulation.
- g. Regarding town energy data and goals, Chris explained that "existing" renewable energy generation is defined as in place by September 2016.

**4. Other Business – None**

**5. Comments from the Public - None**

**Adjournment:** 8:12 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 1-2-18

**Future Meeting:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.