

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 10/24, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Suzanne Leiter, Norm Levy, Jonathan Teller-Elsberg
Guests: Bill Chidsey, Aaron Lamperti, Martha McDaniel (Hartford Energy Commission)

Discussion/updates:

- Agreement for committee members to make one last sweep through Solarize Norwich 2017 Prospects list to attempt to reach all.

- We have learned that applications for PACE financing are currently suspended; Linda will try to find out details.

- ButtonUp activities

** Sat, 10/28, 8 - 11 am during the Grange pancake breakfast ... Norm and Linda

** Sat, 11/11, 11 am - 4 pm Upper Valley ButtonUp at Dothan Brook School in Wilder, lots of activities and presentations

Suggestion from Jonathan to highlight info for renters, from Bill to focus on getting contact info from attendees. Susan, Suzanne, and Jonathan can volunteer on the early end of the event; Norm, Linda, Aaron are available whenever needed.

Agreement to drop the activity planned for Sunday 11/12, as too close to the bigger event on 11/11. **POST-MEETING UPDATE: The library room is available Saturday 12/9 anytime, and Sunday 12/10 after 1 pm.**

- The [VT Climate Pledge Coalition](#) is a group of organizations from across the state committed to meeting Vermont's energy and climate goals. Burlington Mayor Weinberger and Gov. Phil Scott recently announced an online pledge tracker and a Vt climate summit for 11/8. Discussion of whether to propose a resolution of support to the Selectboard, similar to [one](#) approved in South Burlington. Agreement to share with the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission, and ask those commissions to join the NEC in proposing to the Selectboard.

- Norwich has been chosen to work with the TRO regional planning commission on enhanced energy planning. All members of the committee indicated interest in participating depending on the meeting schedule and their availability.

- Agreement to seek to work again with the 4 contractors from 2017 Weatherize for another campaign starting next January.

- Other updates

** Norm will take LED bulbs to Aging in Place volunteers at the AIP annual reception on Friday, Oct. 27. These volunteers will then install the bulbs in the homes of the seniors receiving their help.

** Next meeting of the Hartford Energy Commission is 11/26, main agenda item is a party for town staff

** The November meeting of the Hartford Energy Commission is 11/16

** Discussion of additional multi-town collaborations: presentations on utility issues, a clean transportation campaign, quarterly meetings, the "Climate Economy Model Communities Program" of the Vt Council on Rural Development.

The next Norwich Energy Committee meeting is Tuesday, 11/28.

submitted by Linda Gray