

Meeting of Enhanced Energy Planning subgroups, Thursday, 1/23, 6 pm, Tracy Hall  
Attending: Jeff Goodrich, Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Aaron Lamperti, Jonathan Teller-Elsberg

Jeff Goodrich reported that he and Jaci Allen met to plan their work on the Checklist "pathways" on patterns and densities of land use. They will report at the full meeting on 2/6.

Aaron Lamperti reported on his review of the Energy Data from TRORC (on current energy use and targets for future energy use and generation). He had a list of points to be clarified and targets that we might want to revise. All agreed that this section should be revised to be easily understood by any lay reader.

Linda Gray reported on the Checklist "pathways" on siting renewable energy resources. There is some relevant language already in the Town Plan, but most of the Checklist points need to be expanded and improved. Linda suggested that work on this section might include review of actual parcels suitable for renewable energy generation.

Susan Hardy reported on the Checklist "pathways" on transportation. She identified a number of elements already in the Town Plan, as well as possible additions.

Detailed discussion on all these items will take place at the next meeting of the full Enhanced Energy Planning workgroup, 7 pm, 2/6.

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Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Thursday, 1/23, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Suzanne Leiter, Jonathan Teller-Elsberg  
Guests: Luke Boyden, Barbara Duncan, Aaron Lamperti

Discussion/updates:

- Vt Climate Pledge Coalition resolution, if adopted by the Selectboard, would have the Town of Norwich join the Vt Climate Pledge Coalition. Both the Planning and Conservation Commissions are joining the NEC in recommending that the Selectboard join the Coalition. A draft cover memo to the Selectboard was reviewed; Linda will include language to indicate how the goals of the Paris accords mesh with Vermont and Town goals.

- Weatherize 2018: the NEC web site is updated (including a sign-up form); Linda has emailed homeowners from 2017 who didn't complete weatherization, posted to the list serv, distributed flyers at the 1/21 NHS workshop (and will at the 1/28 one, too). Discussion of offer from Murphy's Cell-Tech for a workshop on net-zero retrofits; agreement to pursue perhaps for fall 2018 and to include in upcoming Weatherize posts reference to discussing going net-zero with the contractors.

Linda will email contacts from last fall's Button-Up outreach. Discussion of doing outreach at Dan & Whit's -- particularly if we can give out free LEDs. Linda will investigate options for outreach at Town Meeting.

- An information session on carbon pricing has been arranged, in collaboration with Hartford, Hartland, and Thetford. Details are: "Carbon Tax Basics" Monday, February 12, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Speakers: Janet Milne, director of the Environmental Tax Policy Institute at Vermont Law School, and Erin Mansur, faculty director of the Revers Center for Energy at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth  
Free, and the 2nd half of the session will be devoted to Q/A and discussion.

- Other updates...

VNRC update link: <http://vnrc.org/in-depth-legislative-lowdown-look-forward-on-climate-action-in-vermont/>

Contact legislators re spending VW settlement funds on electric

buses: <https://secure2.convio.net/vpirg/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=449>

Windsor County Senator Alison Clarkson is a Senate sponsor of S.284, the bill introducing the ESSEX Plan carbon pricing proposal; contact to thank her at [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us)

Vital Communities resources for transportation: <http://vitalcommunities.org/transportation/towns/>

Next Norwich Energy Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 2/27.

submitted by Linda Gray