

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 5.22, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Rob Gere, Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Suzanne Leiter

Guests: Linda Cook, Jack Cushman

- by consensus Linda Gray was selected as chair, Norm Levy as vice-chair

- Updates

\* enhanced energy planning with TRORC (next meeting = 6/5/18) - Chris Damiani, TRORC staffer, is wrapping up his support and has sent a draft which Linda will circulate; Linda and Aaron will meet next week to edit the Data/Targets section for review at the 6/5 meeting

\* Susan reported on the Walk/Bike Summit (WRJ on 5/4). She collected materials, resources, contacts. Link to Summit presentations: <https://vtwalkbikesummit.com/speaker-presentations/>

\* Norwich parade 7/21 - agreement that it would be good to participate, perhaps with a focus on bikes, buses, EVs, BUT no firm ideas of what to do. Several members were not certain whether they would be in town 7/21.

- Projects for next 12 months: discussion of the list generated at the March meeting <http://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NEC-minutes-032718.pdf> and agreement to pursue as follows:

\* Transportation... Susan Hardy will take the lead

b/c transportation is so regional, aim to collaborate w other towns (Thetford, Hartford, Hartland) and w Vital Communities/UVTMA; goal = to establish a multi-town work group, ID a project to pursue in 2018-19

other resources include Addison County Walk/Bike Council, Greater Middlebury Climate Economy Initiative <https://midclimateconomy.org/child-page/public-transportation/>

\* Solarize... Linda Gray and Suzanne Leiter will take the lead

b/c 30% federal tax credit will end 12/31/19, it's worth doing in 2018 and 2019; make emphasis on affordability, have financing information available; find out status of community solar options w Norwich Solar Tech and Solaflect

\* Weatherize... Rob Gere will take the lead

plan to pursue again next winter, can develop details next fall

\* Tracy Hall... (based on previous discussion, assume Aaron Lamperti will take the lead)

follow-up on energy audit recommendations, work with Town Manager Herb Durfee

\* signage for solar awning/EV charging station... Jack Cushman will take the lead

Linda will send draft materials developed to date

\* "Utilities 101"... (based on previous discussion, assume Norm Levy will take the lead)

goal is to get a better handle on utility policy and planning issues that affect our work and choices; find speaker(s) and schedule as a meeting of area town energy committees

- other business, upcoming events

\* "Curb the Car" day on 5/18 with Vital Communities was fine: mostly a visibility event, contacts with about 12 people; AT bus won the morning commute race

\* Climate Conversations at NPL May 31 and June 7 [http://www.norwichlibrary.org/?event=climate-conversations-an-inconvenient-truth-film-screening&event\\_date=2018-05-31](http://www.norwichlibrary.org/?event=climate-conversations-an-inconvenient-truth-film-screening&event_date=2018-05-31)

\* [DIY Electric Bike Workshop](#) Saturday, June 9, 10 am – 12 pm in Cornish Hosted by the Plainfield and Cornish Energy Committees

The next Enhanced Energy Workgroup meeting is Tuesday, 6/5, 7 pm, Tracy Hall; the next Norwich Energy Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 6/26, 7 pm, Tracy Hall.

submitted by Linda Gray