

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 10/23, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Rob Gere (at 7:45), Linda Gray, Aaron Lamperti, Suzanne Leiter, Norm Levy

Guest: Charlie Lindner

The committee reviewed the report that Susan Hardy emailed since she could not attend. Since the last NEC meeting, she has met briefly with Town Manager Herb Durfee, attended the monthly UVTMA (Upper Valley Transportation Management Association) meeting and attended the 10/19 New Hampshire Complete Streets Conference.

The committee discussed this list of next steps from Susan:

- * Meet with Dartmouth to see if feasible to expand on their Zagster service. YES, SUSAN SHOULD PURSUE.
- * Explore if we want to investigate tracking/counting bike/ped traffic. POSSIBLY, ONCE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE WOULD DO WITH THE INFO. THE COMMITTEE COULD PURSUE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE EQUIPMENT SUSAN HAS LEARNED ABOUT, PERHAPS COORDINATING WITH OTHER AREA ENERGY COMMITTEES.
- * Provide more direct links from NEC web site to transportation resources (ex: AT app and on-line equivalent for tracking buses, new ride-share app when it is up and running). YES, VERY EASY TO DO.
- * Think about if/how we might encourage neighborhood pools for errands, etc. HAVE DISCUSSION WHEN SUSAN IS AVAILABLE.
- * Follow up on Complete Streets ideas with Enhanced Energy group. YES, WILL PURSUE AT 11/13 MEETING OF GROUP.

Zipcar was raised again as another initiative worth investigating.

The committee reviewed the list of Solarize prospects and took follow-up assignments.

Linda Gray outlined the events arranged for Weatherize / Button Up outreach:

- "Kick-off" (with Efficiency VT presenter and our 3 contractors) -- Tues 10/30, Tracy Hall, 6:30 Linda will staff
- outreach table at Fire Station on Halloween, Wed 10/31, 4:30- 7-ish Rob, Suzanne can staff
- Linda will inquire with Town Clerk Bonnie Munday about having an outreach table parts of Election Day, 11/6, if the weather is suitable.

The three vetted contractors for Norwich are Building Energy, van de Ven Construction, and Building Green.

The ButtonUp Weatherize timetable:

- 1) homeowner signs up by 12/15/2018
- 2) contractors complete home walk-throughs 12/2018 through 3/15/2019
- 3) contractors provide estimates 1/2019 through 4/15/2019
- 4) homeowner commits to selected work no later than 4/22/2019

Efficiency VT has set up the online sign-up page and will keep track of sign-ups and the homeowner's status. NEC volunteers will do outreach now through early December, then follow-up contacts with homeowners in Feb-Mar.

Aaron Lamperti reported on the status of Tracy Hall energy improvements. In September Efficiency VT staff recommended that 1) we arrange for an updated audit, focused on evaluating the feasibility of undertaking a "deep energy retrofit" (which would aim to reduce building energy use by 50%) and 2) the Town begin utilizing the Energy Star Portfolio Manager for all town buildings. Aaron had recently succeeded in speaking with Jon Haehnel of BVH Integrated Solutions, who will prepare a quote for the feasibility audit. At the Town Manager's suggestion, Aaron has begun the Portfolio Manager program for the Town buildings.

The next meeting of the Enhanced Energy Planning Working Group is Tuesday, 11/13. Planning Director Rod Francis has taken on the tasks of compare the Energy, Transportation, and Land Use chapters of the current Town Plan against the Act 174 checklist, and reviewing the data available from TRORC for inclusion in the Energy chapter.

Linda reported that she is working with Town Manager Herb Durfee on a grant application for another EV charging station, for the Park-and-Ride at Huntley Meadow. The application is due 11/30; the grant would be for 90% of the cost, with the Town making a 10% match (which can be in-kind).

Discussion about some ID for NEC volunteers as we do outreach, and consensus to get name badges. Linda will research options and costs.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 11/27.

submitted by Linda Gray