

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 11/27, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Rob Gere, Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Suzanne Leiter, Norm Levy
Guest: Charlie Lindner

Re Transportation, Susan Hardy outlined the "Smart Commute Remix" 2019 collaboration with Vital Communities, described as a campaign of seasonal interventions that reduce barriers to using different modes of transportation:

- January-April = focus on public transit (a big push on the listserv, weather-proof posters around town, advertise travel training, and showcase Norwich residents who ride the bus)
- March = a push for volunteer drivers in
- May to September = bike and walk
- September through December = carpools and vanpools

Susan and Linda will coordinate to add transportation links to the NEC web site, as discussed last month. The next UVTMA meeting is 11/29, 4-5:30 pm at Lebanon City Hall; Susan cannot attend, Linda can.

Re Solarize, brief discussion of remaining follow-up contacts. A total of 23 new commitments to solar have been made this year.

Re Weatherize, the sign-up deadline is 12/15. Norwich has 20 households now (Hartford has 23) <https://buttonupvermont.org/signups> . Agreement to plan several more list serv posts, see if those currently signed up would help encourage others, and see if EVT will fund printing a couple banners that could be hung at the transfer station and/or Dan & Whit's and/or the fence on the green.

Re Tracy Hall energy review, Aaron is awaiting an estimate from another contractor, for an audit to evaluate the feasibility of doing a deep energy retrofit.

Other business:

- reminder that the next Enhanced Energy Planning Working Group meeting is 12/4, 7 pm
- reminder that the VECAN conference (statewide is Saturday, 12/1. The committee budget can reimburse members for the registration fee
- Linda reported on an initial meeting to develop a collaboration on energy use with the Dresden School District. Working with Sustainable Hanover volunteers, the goal is to review facilities and practices to identify if improvements can be made that would reduce energy use and increase renewable energy. Energy volunteers would be working with administrators and staff, and make recommendations to the Boards in the spring.
- Linda has 2 copies of the book "Designing Climate Solutions" <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/11/16/18096352/climate-change-clean-energy-policies-guide> ; she lent one to Rep Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, and will be reviewing the other herself and can lend to committee members.

The 4th Tuesday in December is 12/25, Christmas Day; there was consensus to skip meeting in December. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, 1/22/19.

submitted by Linda Gray