

Attending in person:

Aaron Lamperti (chair)
 Norm Levy
 Suzanne Leiter
 Jon Allen (public)

By Zoom:

Charlie Lindner (vice chair)
 Erich Rentz
 Geoff Martin (regional energy coordinator)

Minutes:

1. Minutes of 6/22/21 meeting and agenda were approved by consensus.
2. Geoff Martin was delayed until 7:45. See discussion below.
3. Existing projects: The eBike loan program was a qualified success this year. Seemed to be a greater number of no-shows when the weather wasn't ideal. On the other hand, there was lots of enthusiasm for the overnight loans. Norm suggested a checklist or other system to watch for lost equipment (like panniers).

There is no word on the Dutton Hill town parcel's suitability for solar. The Upper Loveland project adjacent to the Schmitt Bog parcel appears to be proceeding apace. SB gave the site preferred status and the abutters have been notified. Erich and Geoff are getting started with drafting a RFP for a solar project on the DPW site. We discussed some of the options there such as a net metered project for the Town or a community solar project. The possibility of a hybrid was also raised. This discussion was tabled pending Geoff's joining us.

On the electrify everything front, we discussed options for outreach events and there was some interest in trying a virtual open house of a fully electric home. Maybe a live event with the homeowner and an expert or a taped walkthrough with pauses for questions.

We also talked through the issues going forward in the delta covid era with in-person outreach events.

The thought was raised that there are likely to be significant new incentives and programs in the next few years for all aspects of weatherization and electrification. We talked out what our role would be in this new era.

Charlie presented his idea for a worksheet that would be a planning tool for homeowners thinking about electrification. Erich suggested that a roadmap for what technologies are available for different scenarios could be a part of it. Charlie mentioned an existing online tool for rating how green houses are. Norm suggested that we can post reminders of existing incentives on list serve.

We didn't have an update on the Window dressers project.

4. Other business: Norm gave a presentation on the last UVTMA meeting. It is a regional transportation group including many players over a large area. Some highlights included new electric busses (4) and facilities and new public transit routes.

Geoff Martin joined us around 7:45. He has spent his first month reviewing existing information and getting up to speed on the towns info. He did complete a review of solar credits and found that solaflect has been billing correctly. We talked about the possible array at the DPW and he pointed out that there is not much room for net metering credits given the Town's current electric demand. This may change with increasing electrification. He has an example RFP from VT law school for community solar and will be working with Erich who also has example RFPs to draft one for the DPW. We discussed the change in language in the solarflect PPA and whether that had been approved by the SB, which it appears it has. This amendment changes the PPA from an annually agreed upon amount to an assigned percentage from 2 specific arrays which makes it a fixed

amount of power/year. Geoff assured us that he is keeping an eye on potential federal/state money for energy projects. He is also working with the Herb to get access to the Charge Point accounts to assess their use for planning. He will be attending the ongoing A36TF meetings. We talked about issues of consistent and timely data collection. He hopes to get permission to collect data directly from fuel dealers.

5. Public comment - Jon Allen is new to town and is living at the Norwich Meadows. He spoke about the larger community and how we need to hold ourselves accountable for energy use, not just through municipal uses, but through our personal use as well.
6. Adjourned by consensus.