

Norwich Energy Committee Meeting Agenda 7/25/2023

The next meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee is Tuesday, 7/25/2023 at 7 pm, via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88910577199>

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Agenda:

1. Review and approve 6/27 meeting minutes and this agenda.
2. Updates on Existing Activities
 - a. July EV event @transfer station canceled
 - i. Local NDEW (National Drive Electric Week) Event
 - b. Efficiency VT Button Up webinar
 - c. eBike loans (9/11-21)
 - d. Root District Schoolhouse (9/6)
 - e. Window Dressers
3. Earth Hero App
4. Lead in telecom cables
 - a. <https://www.markey.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senator-markey-demands-answers-from-telecom-industry-following-reports-of-lead-contamination-from-aging-infrastructure>
5. IREC Report (Energy Coordinator) see Appendix 1
6. UVTMA Report
7. Other Business
8. Public Comments and correspondence
9. Adjourn



IREC Progress Report
Town of Norwich
June 2023

- Organized the Mow Electric [Commercial Electric Lawn Equipment Demo](#) event hosted by the Woodstock Union High School that was held on June 22. Five vendors provided electric grounds maintenance demonstration units that included zero-turn mowers, push mowers, chain saws and leaf blowers that municipal grounds crews and landscaping contractors could try out. The event was very successful as there was a constant hum of electric mowers and equipment in use during the event.
- Began preparing documentation for the upcoming Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) energy assessment for Tracy Hall. The MERP Energy Assessment application is now released and the application for Tracy Hall is expected to be submitted in July.
- A Vermont EV charging grant application was also just released and includes funding to install EV charging equipment at 3 targeted types of locations; multi-family apartments, commercial businesses and community places of interest. This is a good potential opportunity for Norwich and will be an IREC focus in July.
- IRA funding includes 30% to 40% tax credits for replacing fossil fuel heating equipment. This credit can now be applied to municipalities. This together with existing grant opportunities means that funding is now available for facility projects including energy upgrades, weatherization and insulation. I will be working with your town manager and energy committee to identify opportunities.
- Organized a tour and project overview of Vermont's largest solar canopy at Lawson's Finest Liquids in Waitfield VT. This was a first-hand look at a working solar project with many potential applications. Solar canopies can be installed over existing built environments, can provide power to EV chargers and protection from the elements for vehicles and road maintenance equipment. Sean Lawson provided a project overview and Green Mountain Power, SunCommon, and Aegis Renewable Energy were on hand to explain their role in the project. The solar canopy, rooftop solar and solar field provide nearly 100% of the facility's electrical power.

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