

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 4.24, 7 pm, Police/Fire building

Attending: Linda Gray, Susan Hardy, Suzanne Leiter

Guests: Linda Cook, Jack Cushman

- Selection of chair/vice-chair was postponed to the next meeting, given that 4 committee members were not present

- Updates

\* the 2nd round of Weatherize in 2018 - Linda will follow up with homeowners to confirm that they've had site visits and rec'd quotes, and to answer questions

\* enhanced energy planning with TRORC (next meeting = 5/1/18) - Linda shared suggestions that the workgroup should try to keep the public informed on the progress of this process; she proposed borrowing from deliberative polling and start the process with an information session on why it's important to meet our energy goals. Susan Hardy suggested getting a regular update included in the Norwich Times to keep residents informed. This might require a payment by the Committee; Linda will inquire. Also, it appears that the PO may again allow town groups to have information on their bulletin boards; Linda can inquire. For a payment, Dan & Whit's can provide a protected space for posting.

\* "preferred site" designation for Fire District solar project - general discussion, and the Selectboard will consider this decision again at their 4/25 meeting

\* "Curb the Car" day on 5/18 with Vital Communities - Linda shared details of this initiative from Vital Communities, part of national Bike to Work Day. Susan Hardy, Norm Levy, and Linda met with Vital Communities staff, activities will include a morning commute race among a bicyclist, AT bus rider, and car driver, further details still to be pinned down. This provides a good opportunity to at least start on transportation issues.

- Projects for next 12 months - discussion also postponed to the next meeting

- other business, upcoming events

\* UV Energy Roundtable 5/8 <http://vitalcommunities.org/energy/roundtable/> NEC member should plan to attend if they're free that night

\* climate presentation 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)

\* composting sessions in May <http://norwichenergycommittee.weebly.com/>

The next Enhanced Energy Workgroup meeting is Tuesday, 5/1, 7 pm, Tracy Hall; the next Norwich Energy Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 5/22, 7 pm, Tracy Hall.

submitted by Linda Gray