

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee
Tuesday, 5/26/26, 7 pm, via Zoom

Attending: Mary Albert, Rob Gere, Linda Gray, Tom Griggs, Charlie Lindner, Brad Wible
Guest: Aaron Lamperti

1. The 4/28 minutes and the 5/26 agenda were approved by consensus.
 2. Events
 - a. May – Electrify Lawn Care debrief: outreach went well; most contacts said they already have electric equipment; we seem to be past the early-adopter stage. Agreement that NEC doesn't need to continue outreach on this topic, but we should maintain info and resources on the web site. Discussion of outreach in June; agreement on EVs/e-bikes as the topic; date to be determined via online poll of NEC member availability for Saturdays in June.
 - b. Upper Valley Energy Roundtable: Vital Communities is hosting a gathering of Upper Valley town energy groups on Thursday, June 4, at the Fireside Inn in Lebanon. Linda and Mary will attend; other members were urged to as well.
 4. Energy Plan Working Group: Rob reported that there is no update, as the group has not met again. At their meeting about a month ago, they reviewed a draft from Bryan Kovalick of TRORC. Agreement for Rob and Brad to ask Planning Director Steven True about sharing the current draft with the NEC, for possible additional feedback.
 5. Tracy Hall Energy Upgrades: Rob reported that the agenda for the 6/10 Selectboard meeting will include 1) a proposal to reactivate the Article 36 Task Force to review progress on its 2022 recommendations, and 2) require the Town Manager to consolidate information on Town usage of fossil fuels. Agreement for NEC members to plan to attend the Selectboard meeting on 6/10. Discussion about the value of asking the A36 Task Force to do another report; agreement on the value of maintaining current data on municipal fossil fuel use.
 6. Shared Energy Coordinator report: no updates; Linda will alert Harry Falconer that he should submit a proposed statement of work for data collection on fossil fuel use across Town departments (as discussed last meeting) by 6/3 for inclusion in the packet for the 6/10 meeting.
 7. Committee organization: Charlie is moving from Norwich on 6/8, will submit his resignation to the Selectboard. He outlined the work he has handled on weekly list serv posts; Mary volunteered to take on these duties and will coordinate with Charlie. Charlie outlined his work on scheduling outreach at the transfer station; Tom volunteered to take on these duties and will coordinate with Charlie.
- Discussion of possible recruits to the committee; agreement to look over the names of WindowDresser Build volunteers, signers of the recent A36 memo to the Selectboard, and people on the Norwich Neighbor Network.
8. Other Business: re inviting Renewable Energy VT to a future meeting, agreement to target September or October.
 9. Public comments, correspondence and announcements: none

10. Adjourned at 8:30. The fourth Tuesday in June is 6/23; Tom will be away but perhaps able to join, Brad will be away. Linda will circulate an agenda; if there's no quorum, we'll have to cancel.

Submitted by Linda Gray