

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee

Tuesday, 9/22/26, 7 pm, via Zoom

Attending: Mary Albert, Rob Gere, Linda Gray, Aaron Lamperti, Brad Wible

1. The 8/25 minutes with a correction and the 9/22 agenda were approved by consensus.
2. Future Events/Outreach
 - a. Details for a workshop on EVs organized by Sustainable Hanover are set: 9/29, Zoom webinar, 6 – 7:30 pm, with Dave Roberts from Drive Electric VT and Jesse Lore from Green Wave EV. NEC doing listserv posts and web home page info.
 - b. Sustainable Hanover plans for a series of online workshops, there might be opportunities for future collaboration. Linda will followup with SH contacts and Rob and Mary.
3. Brainstorm ideas for a year or two of listserv posts: Button Up campaign/webinars in October, Level 3 charging station at D&W, heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, home battery storage, plug-in solar, food & emissions (meat, waste, composting).
4. “Smart driving” webinar email: Possibly the offer of a presentation is of interest; Mary will evaluate.
5. Energy Plan Working Group: Rob and Brad had no updates, there have been no meetings. Mary attended the 9/8 Planning Commission meeting at which Kevin Geiger from TRORC spoke about town plans. Mary noted that among examples of town energy planning, Montpelier’s town plan endorses net-zero emissions. There was agreement for Rob and Brad to have the working group share the current draft of the enhanced energy plan with the NEC by 10/15, so that we can discuss at our October meeting
6. Tracy Hall Energy Upgrades: Aaron had no updates, there have been no meetings. He will ask for an update in time for discussion at our October meeting
7. Shared Energy Coordinator report: Linda summarized Harry’s work with all 7 towns; for Norwich, the GHG inventory will be updated for the Town Manager by the end of September, and Harry can make recommendations on equipment / vehicle electrification. Another TRORC staffer will be able to do energy audits for various town buildings for SEC towns. In addition, Harry provided information to high school contacts on a very inexpensive approach to EV charging (using a wifi-enabled home charger with a third-party payment processor), for school employees.
8. Committee organization: The committee has 2 vacancies; current members still tasked with reaching out to possible recruits.
9. Other Business: Linda reported that the Public Utility Commission has opened a rulemaking process on net-metering; she will be able to keep the committee updated. For the WindowDressers Build (10/1-8), more volunteers are still needed; coordinators will do additional notices. Online signup is <https://signup.com/go/hYBRapd>
10. Public comments, correspondence and announcements: none
11. Adjourned at 7:50. The fourth Tuesday in October is 10/27.

Submitted by Linda Gray