

Underhill Alternative Transportation Committee
Minutes of Wednesday, August 16th, 2017, 6:30

Present:

Kurt Johnson
Cat Kearns
Mike Oman
Ann Linde

We chose a meeting schedule of the 4th Wed of the month at 6:30 at the town hall.
Exceptions will be Oct, Nov and Dec of this year, when we will be meeting on the 3rd Wed of the month.
(The Dec meeting is tentative, dependent on people's schedules.)

Officers were chosen:

Chair – Kurt
Vice Chair – Mike
Scribe – Ann

Discussions included:

-How to get more members.

Using Front Porch Forum was discussed as a possibility, with the acknowledgment that not everyone in town uses it.

Mike offered to ask people on the energy committee.

Word of mouth

-How we might gather information to see what people in town would like to see as alternatives to the bus.

Mike suggested Survey Monkey. (There was some talk of whether or not the town would be willing to pay for a subscription if it could be useful to other committees.)

We would have to come up with a way to let people know how to find the survey.

Read the results of the survey sent out before town meeting of this year.

We talked about having an open meeting, after the survey has been completed, where people could hear what our mission is and offer suggestions and ideas.

-What issues to address?

Ride sharing

Bus or alternative

School busses

Taxis

Before the next meeting:

-Cat will look at other communities to see what's working regarding ride share programs or bus service.

-Mike will be working with Green Mtn Transit and the Municipal Planning Organization with the hope of organizing a forum where they will be able to share their experience and expertise. He also suggested getting in touch with the Transportation Management Group (They have a program where they match up people who need rides with people who can give rides.) in Burlington to see if we could form a sub group in Underhill. Mike will also compile the info gathered on the survey given out before town meeting.

-Ann will contact the school district to see what the possibilities are for using school busses for public transportation.

-Kurt will be looking into a way to create a ride board of some sort for people looking for rides and people looking for riders.

Next meeting agenda:

-Review what each member looked into

-Come up with questions for the survey

-Decide on a date for the open meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Next meeting will be on Wed, Sept 27th at 6:30

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