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UNDERHILL ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Underhill Town Hall

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

6:30 p.m. Present: Peter Bennett (PB), April Desclos (AD), Jerry Adams (JA), Tom Moore (TM) quorum established

Called meeting to order; no adjustments to agenda

There were no public comments.

Reviewed Revised Rules of Procedure

- PB noted small changes necessary to align with latest VCLT memo on procedures
- Motion to approve by TM, approved unanimously

Reviewed Minutes from June 8 meeting

- Motion to accept by AD; approved unanimously.

On-going Project Updates

- DRML fund: reviewed terms; discussed ways to recommend items for purchase; committee agrees we should review proposed items as a committee; need to determine best way(s) to publicize availability of items at DRML
- Harvest Market: TM has made and paid for reservation of prior booth. We have until Aug 15 to determine if booth will work. TM has been in touch with Steve Webster who is willing to bring his Nissan Leaf and Jericho Tesla owners who would gladly participate.
- Web site, PB and AD reported that some very preliminary web design and siting possibilities have been explored; need to determine what content would best serve town residents and perhaps design some sort of FPF outreach, perhaps a poll which several members of committee would get together to design. PB will outline process and contact members.
- CCRPC meeting: PB and AD reported that solar siting meeting seemed more focused on state goals than town concerns; we will wait to see what CCRPC comes up with for regional plan; JA reported that new planning employee has been made aware for precedents (Woodstock, Quechee) for town planning; agreed we should meet the new planning person perhaps invite to a UEC meeting. We would review this first with head of planning commission.
- ZEN program involvement: brief comments by AD who looked into this for her own residence; she sees program as complicated and perhaps not carried out as competently as it might be. PB agreed with notion of complicated, limited nature of program.

Discussed possible new projects

- Home energy assessments: on hold until committee can determine availability of members to undertake the work. Process might be similar to VHEC project and needs to include info on rebates.
- Town: Eff VT street light upgrade incentives: PB will contact Paul Markowitz about process; JA thinks town may be in a GMC queue; PB will talk to Selectboard about their interest.
- Town Hall meeting room lights: PB will talk to Selectboard regarding what they want to do; available funds, etc

Member Items, Correspondence, Announcements, Schedule

- Agreed we should post agenda in FPF inviting people to attend meetings; PB will pursue.
- Recruiting new members: very much need to recruit new members, hopefully resulting in a more diverse group. Next meeting, we will expand discussion on how we would decide on potential members. Also agreed we would post a notice on FPF (before next agenda post) making a general appeal. PB will outline the post and run by committee. Look at posting vacancies on town web site.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting August 10, 2016

On motion by TM, meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8 p.m.

Submitted by Peter Bennett
Chair, Underhill Energy Committee