

Meeting Minutes 20170208

Town of Underhill
Energy Committee
08 February 2017

FINAL

CALL TO ORDER

Jerry Adams, Pete Bennett, Nicole Bourassa, and Peter Duval in attendance, the regular meeting was called to order at 6:34pm in the Town Hall Kitchen, with PB in the chair and PD recording minutes.

Agenda

Jericho Energy Task Force meeting follow-up
Streetlights
Jericho Energy Task Force Joint Projects
Alburgh Community Solar
Website

Public Comment

None

Minutes

MOTION

JA MOVED, and NB SECONDED, to accept the minutes of 11 January 2017 as submitted. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:37

JETF

NB said she is publicizing JETF events in Underhill with Front Porch Forum posts.
Bus Route 36, the Jeffersonville commuter bus was discussed, after a Mount Gazette article was circulated. Realtime ridesharing was discussed as an alternative. PD will do some research and report to the committee.

6:55

Streetlights

PB reported that the Town received a letter from GMP informing it that it had 30 days to opt-out of a changeover of streetlights to LEDs. Discussion ensued.

PD MOVED, NB SECONDED to authorize PB to present streetlight alternatives with the Selectboard which would include three possibilities:

1. Wait for better LED bulbs (lower K values) before accepting the GMP
2. Accept the offer, especially if there is no conversion charge with the knowledge that problem streetlights - determined after the installation - can be removed at the request of the town.
3. Determine costs and result of waiting before making a decision.

to point out a suggested addition at Park Street and River Road. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Fuel Prices

Discussion of fuel prices and fuel mix at McNeil.

JETF Joint Projects

TABLED

7:24

VEC Alburgh Community Solar

JA described the project as unique, essentially a 10 or 20 year prepay agreement with Vermont Electric Co-op. It is the simplest deal available, but the "numbers aren't great."

7:38

Website

Discussion of website, desirable features and effort.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by JA, SECONDED by NB., the meeting was UNANIMOUSLY adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Duval, Secretary

Approved _Peter Bennett

date: 3/8/2017

Peter Bennett, Chair