

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL  
ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES FINAL  
Underhill Town Hall  
6:30 P.M. Wednesday Aug 14, 2019**

**In Attendance:**

Peter Bennett (PB), Nicole Bourassa (NB), Michael Oman (MO), Gerry Adams (GA), Steve Webster (SW), Ruth Julianelle (RJ -- arrived 7:04)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:37 pm

**Public Comment Period**

No public in attendance

**Review/Approve Minutes from July 22, 2019**

- MO suggested edits to the Charging Station update
- PB moved to accept minutes with small style changes, all approved

**Brief update on projects; follow-up on actions**

- EV's/GMP/charging stations
  - GA commented on Graham Turk's email about EVs→ free rides during Harvest Market
  - MO shared Jericho energy task force interested in doing EV venture at Harvest Market→ have them in a parade, coordinate with us
  - **ACTION: MO to coordinate with Catherine McMains, with SW support→ Harvest Market and EV chargers**
  - SW there are 3 items with Graham Turk: 1) Harvest Market, 2) use Graham for a separate presentation, and 3)original offer from Graham
  - **ACTION: SW to follow up with Graham on 2nd and 3rd item**
  - SW thinks level 3 charger makes sense on route 15
  - PB lots of unanswered pieces here in terms of charging etiquette, how to pay, etc.
  - MO suggested developing in conjunction with Jericho task force and businesses for appropriate level 2 and 3 chargers
- Solar Array
  - Lease is being negotiated between GL and SB
  - **ACTION: PB to ask GL is it possible to have connection to be at top of hill, now that the gravel pit is dead, per SW's suggestion**
- Website: With RJ not present, pass on this
- Button Up plans: Dwight not present, no updates
- Town Plan process
  - PB provided update→ we are waiting for latest revised version from CCRPC

(7:04 RJ joined meeting)

- VEC rep visit - what topics?
  - Lisa Morris from VEC has been invited to Sept 11 meeting→ she is the Energy Services planner; what do we want to talk with her about?
    1. where is VEC power coming from currently and future plans? Plan and Portfolio!

2. Address limitations of large scale solar/wind (no to large solar b/c of SHEI?)
  3. SHEI bottleneck
  4. Storage→ grid and residential
    - a. large battery in Hinesburg?
      - Grid upgrades
      - Customer outreach→ rebates/subsidies, programs, educational packages, etc.,
      - Map of 3 phase lines
      - Business plan for VEC to access/use renewable energy
- **ACTION: PB to ask Lisa if willing to come back more than once and if can send any of this info a head of time**
  - Future idea: to invite GMP for similar presentation

### Miscellaneous

- Ideas for better communication with public
  - PB shared we should review how we communicate and areas to improve; i.e. post meeting and/or agenda on FPF?
  - MO expressed concerns that might be too much saturation and people will check out
  - SW and RJ think fair to post agenda on FPF...
  - PB suggested would have to make clear that there is only a 5 minute public comment period
  - Use FPF to “announce” special info→ like we did for solar array NOT being involved with gravel pit discussion
  - PB took informal poll of who is in support of posting agenda on FPF --most are
  - SW published standard agenda may need a bit more clarity→ PB will send draft to SW for editing, for posting in September→ one week ahead of meeting
  - Committee agreed that we need to make clear rules of procedure with regards to public participation
  - SW suggests there will need to be times when we increase public comment period
- Working with Jericho ETF
  - MO shared a conversation he had with Catherine McMains that agree lots of opportunity to work together
  - What are possible mechanisms for this coordination? Joint meetings every few months? Ongoing communication in between meetings informally
  - **ACTION: MO to let her know we are willing to work with them and identify possible mechanisms, and immediate projects we can coordinate on like EV chargers, Harvest Market**

### Committee operations

- Next meeting – September 11, 2019
  - Agenda will include Lisa with VEC and finalize Harvest Market info
- RJ asked about what process is for putting information onto website w/o violating public meeting law; SW moved that such docs/drafts are sent out via email (google docs) for committee edits and then final draft needs approval by 3 members→ all approved

### Meeting Adjourned 7:52 PM

SW moved to adjourn, all approved

Submitted by Nicole Bourassa