

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL
ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES -Draft
Underhill Town Hall
6:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

In Attendance:

- Peter Bennett (PB), Dwight Decoster (DD), Nicole Bourassa (NB), Michael Oman (MO), Jerry Adams (JA), Steve Webster (SW), Ruth Julianelle (RJ)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35

Public Comment Period

- No public in attendance

Review/Approve Minutes from Feb. 13th, 2019

- Motion by RJ, Approved

Solar Array Update

- Ongoing UEC role: ensure Select Board maintains original agreements/approvals

Working with Planning Commission

- Discussed UEC possibly conducting its own survey using town's (through Andrew) access to Survey Monkey
 - DD suggested it could be useful to the community for further understanding energy-related workshops
 - MO suggested it might be used for gathering data from community in order to inform and provide updates to the Energy Dashboard
 - Agreed we would not conduct one for 4-6 weeks
- **ACTION STEPS:**
 - MO to research how to update Energy Dashboard
 - ALL to think about why we might do a survey and what kind of questions we might ask

Button Up campaign Update

Update on forums--solar forum on for 3/14

Underhill Energy Committee website update

Report on status of website--content is needed

- **ACTION STEPS:**
 - PB to share out original website ideas created two years ago
 - ALL to share links & content to SW to start process...will determine best way to organize once we have content; PB suggested we will need to provide topics and context to help guide people

Review UEC focus for 2019

- Extended discussion on projects we can focus on, including, in no particular order:
 - Hold/lead philosophical conversations around topics like Green New Deal, 350VT.org Town Resolutions, climate change, etc.
 - Be “explainers” vs promoters
 - Engage deniers
 - State energy plan--how to involve community
 - Town charging station - discussed info needed
 - Need to connect people to concrete things they can do:
 - provide the info
 - provide the why
 - provide the how
 - Weatherization
 - Reading list on website
 - Promote watt meters?
- **ACTION STEPS:**
 - ALL come up with a list of 2-3 concrete things each that UEC might concentrate on for FY 2019; consider one as a “pet” project
 - PB to follow up with BRMS about # of staff driving EVs
 - NB to follow up with UCS about # of staff driving EVs

Committee Operations

- Reviewed member status--all staying on
- Reviewed rules of procedure
- Reviewed and signed Conflict of Interest forms
- Elected committee officers:
 - SW nominated PB as Chair, approved
 - DD nominated MO as Vice Chair, approved
- Next meeting -- April 10th, 2019
- **ACTION STEPS:**
 - PB to email Rules of Procedure, as most did not see it

Motion to adjourn--RJ

Adjourned 8:02 PM

Submitted by Nicole Bourassa