

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL
ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES Final
Underhill Town Hall
6:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 12th, 2019**

In Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

Public Comment Period

- No public in attendance

Review/Approve Minutes from May 8th, 2019

- Motion by DD, Approved

Brief update on projects; follow-up on actions

- Charging Station
 - GA --no info on new grant timeline
 - MO--followed up with Jeff Forward--who sent him to Steve Bower→ put together Richmond application for EV charger
 - Discussion about cost of charging--currently unregulated
 - PB suggests we dig into a low cost option for charging--as in free!
 - PB asks what our next step
 - **ACTION:**
 - MO try to get info from David about next grant round and pass out to committee by email
 - PB to send link to EV state grant website

- Solar Array
 - Town is serious about considering opening gravel pit again
 - PB spoke with Brian B. to bring up at Select Board → that UEC did NOT say to cut trees at pit → it was briefly brought up at end of meeting
 - PB told Brian UEC is going to post own notice about what we are doing with the solar array at gravel pit
 - RJ provided update on Beartown Road community and town reopening gravel pit; town is not communicating to folks on Beartown Road about plans for expanding gravel pit
 - RJ concerned that solar array is getting thrown into the pot with people upset about gravel pit and firing range
 - MO moved that the UEC urges the Select Board to clearly explain to town residents what SB plans are for extraction of gravel from the pit and that it is unrelated to the proposal for the solar array. All approved.

- Web Content
 - Where are we with building content?
 - What do we want it to look like?
 - RJ needs to be short, one page tops
 - NB careful about duplicating what already exists
 - NB keep structure of topics consistent
 - DD smaller chunks of info
 - PB let's take EV topic and outline it/lay it out to see what this could look like
 - SW what are the topics?
 - transportation → EVs and other types
 - heat
 - solar systems
 - financing options
 - **ACTION:** RJ create outline of how we can structure the postings using EVs to illustrate
 - SW need a “heading/topic” to put this all under
 - MO suggested using A Closer Look...

Alternative transportation opportunities

MO provided update on alternative transportation committee and 3 town coordination (Cambridge--Jeffersonville, Underhill, Jericho)

- Infrastructure committee
- VTRANS has offered a van to the 3 towns to provide services for how we see fit
- Rural Transit Conference
- From “energy” standpoint--biggest bang is EVs → this is where UEC can contribute time/effort

Continued discussion of 2019 and future activities

- review mission
- where do we stand on larger issues of climate change?
- how can we be most effective?
- proposed projects; metric(s) for measuring success
- set priorities

Committee Operations

- Next meeting – July 10th, 2019

Adjourned 8:03 PM

- MO moved to adjourn; all approved.

Submitted by Nicole Bourassa