

Stowe Energy Committee Minutes

November 19, 2020 5:30 PM

Present: Liz Soper, Catherine Crawley, Rick Weinstein, Cap Chenowith, Marina Meerburg, Scott Weathers, Sarah Evans,

Absent: Tom Jackman, Town staff

Public: Michael Lazorchak, Stowe Electric Department

Catherine Crawley called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Minutes:

Marina motioned to approve minutes, Scott seconded the motion, and minutes were approved.

Updates:

Cap gave an update on E-Bikes; Luke with AJ's and Michael got together and discussed co-generating rebates.

Michael filed his third-tier plan and E-Bikes are included! (looking to do a point of sale rebate, \$200 incentive)

Scott Weathers included that he is willing to get more involved with a solar project, or other projects in the works.

Liz gave an update on the Global Warming Solutions Act; she added the Act and other links to our committee on the Trello page.

Catherine reiterated attending the VECAN meeting: Saturday morning, December 5th seems to be the most important day to attend the virtual conference; along with Monday, December 7th, 12:00-1:30 pm. Marina and Liz can attend Saturday's session and Sarah and possibly Scott can attend Monday's session of the VECAN conference

Project Updates / E-Bikes, Schools, Outreach, Solar, and Other:

Liz- Stowe will have 1-2 bikes through Local Motion (Sandy Bender) in the Spring. One for hauling items and one for commuting (Stowe will host sometime between April and October of 2021)

Need a place to host the bikes at night. The committee is responsible for hosting the E-bikes and be in charge of fixing them (can bring bikes to a local bike shop). Cap offered to house and be in charge of fixing them, Marina also offered to house the bikes during the 6 week period.

Local Motion will help with the marketing of the E-Bikes (the majority of this information all recorded under a notecard on SEC's Trello page).

Scott motioned to get Stowe to be a host town for a lending library, Liz and Marina both seconded, this motion passed unanimously.

Update on solar: Looking into solar on top of the ice rink and can present this to the Selectboard. Marina brought up the cost versus the savings with going through Stowe Electric

and there being a large interconnection cost for the solar arrays. Catherine can follow up with Charles about this project and whether or not the Selectboard is interested in pursuing this solar project.

Sarah gave an update about the school project and where she is with that. Talked further with Michael Lazorchak at Stowe Electric about how to proceed with this curriculum opportunity. Sarah will set up a meeting with the principal, Gretchen Muller after Thanksgiving.

Liz mentioned that there is a national push through the United Nations to improve and encourage public education, and include communities in strategizing ways to become more energy-efficient and ecologically sustainable.

Action Steps:

- Scott will give us information or an update about TCI next meeting
- Liz will update the committee on the timeframe we would be hosting the E-bikes
- Sarah is going to set up a meeting with the principal about the educational opportunity supported by Stowe Electric and VEEP

Adjourn:

Marina motioned to adjourn Liz seconded @ 6:30 pm

Next meeting on Dec. 17th, @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Evans.