

Craftsbury Energy Committee
Minutes November 21, 2019

Attending: Mabel Houghton, Kathryn Prentice, Kevin Gregoire, Hannah Dreissigacker, Lisa Sammet
Guest: Penelope Doherty

1. Penelope Doherty presentation on battery collection
 - Penelope gave us copies of the report on the battery collection which was part of a grant with the Product Stewardship Institute of Boston
 - The grant period is coming to an end
 - Will the Craftsbury Energy Committee (CEC) want to help with continuing this project, perhaps in publicity
 - Penelope has outreach posters that can be emailed to us
 - We should let the Select Board know if we want to do the outreach
 - Penelope will continue to collect the batteries
2. VECAN Conference (Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network) Dec. 7
 - Who will be attending? Kevin, Lisa, maybe Hannah. Mabel has concert same day nearby, she might attend part of it
 - People should register and then get reimbursed from the town
3. Fall Button-up Workshop and Tour
 - The workshop was done in Greensboro with 15-20 people attending
 - Good to do workshops in new locations
 - Tour was well-attended too, 15-20 people
4. Recruitment for CEC
 - Hannah has a potential recruit and will follow-up on this
 - Maybe we can get people to sign-up for specific projects
 - Have committees doing specific projects
 - Set up a table at the winter farmers market? Simpson Hall, Sterling College 10 AM to 1 PM
 - Post something on Front Porch Forum (FPF)
5. Town Garage Phase 3 Solar
 - Kevin emailed Select Board member Bruce Urie about the larger roof, but Bruce is waiting to see what FEMA might give the town for the damages sustained from the Halloween storm. They may want to use Good Neighbor Funds to help with those damages
 - Question from Hannah: Can the Town do a power purchase agreement from a solar project? Three companies presented information to the Select Board in the fall.
6. December meeting
 - Should we have the meeting Dec 12 or Dec 19
 - Kevin will find out which works for Ned Houston
7. Goals: Planning for 2020
 - Kevin noticed that the Gazebo on the Common had incandescent bulbs and he switched them out to LED bulbs. The War Memorial also had some problems but he found out that John Zaber and Sonny Simmons take care of that and had fixed the problem
 - The Church on the Common: Hannah will find out from Amelia if the church has ever had an energy audit. Other Churches? Does Interfaith Power and Light do any energy audits for churches? (<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>) Doesn't look like it but they have some good resources for churches

- **Post monthly energy tips on FPF:** Lisa will do November. (Maybe others) All members can do this.
- **Craftsbury Gazette:** the Hardwick Gazette will have a 2-page section on Craftsbury starting with the Dec 13 edition. Articles should be in by Dec. 2 (9 days before publication date, second Wednesday of the month). Looking for 7 to 9 articles at 300-600 words. CEC could have an article. Any energy article should end up inviting new members. Kevin will forward information
- **Town Hall:** Energy audit? There have been walk-throughs. Should tackle the low-hanging fruit. Maybe investigate installing heat pumps for cooling and heating using the Good Neighborhood Funds. Some members will look at situation with the air conditioner still in the window. Should get copies of the energy bills to know how much is being spent on energy.
- **EV Charging station:** Hannah will talk with Adrian Owens to see if he and one of his classes could investigate this
- **Energy Efficient Affordable Housing in Craftsbury:** Select Board member Susan Houston and resident Linda Ramsdell are looking into this
- **Hazardous Waste Recycling Day in Craftsbury:** Lobby the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District (LRSWD) – Katherine will look into this
- **VEEP (Vt Energy Education Program, <https://veep.org/>):** Hannah is working with them in the Albany schools; Kevin will see if he can get the Craftsbury Academy Science teacher to get involved with them
- **Partner with Student Life Association:** For door-to-door paint collection for a fundraiser. People would donate some money to the collector for the paint they pick-up

Minutes by Lisa Sammet

Next meeting either Dec. 12 or Dec. 19 at 7 pm at the Craftsbury Public Library