Wolfeboro Energy Committee Minutes

May 21, 2021, 7:45 am

Online through Town of Wolfeboro Account

Present: Nancy Hirshberg, James Nupp, Susan Fuller, Warren Wilson, Richard Byrd, Brian Deshaies-BOS

liaison

Absent: Eli Roxby

Meeting began with introductions including new member, Warren Wilson

April 16, 2021 minutes approved; Jim Nupp moved, Dick Byrd seconded, voice vote, unanimous acceptance with one abstention.

Rules of public committee meetings were reviewed including: all meetings must be open to the public with notes taken, subcommittees must have quorum to meet and follow the same rules as full meetings;

In light of complications regarding communication under the guidelines, it was moved to abolish our subcommittees with the understanding that with a committee of seven, up to 3 members can communicate in an informal manner without public notice and notes taken.

Motion was moved by Susan Fuller, seconded by Brian Deshaies, and approved unanimously.

Pop Whalen Ice Rink Efficiency update from Nancy Hirshberg: Eli and Nancy met with Bob Lemaire, citizen, Christine Collins, director of Parks and Rec, and Kathy Rankin to talk about proposal. They will meet with the architect of Friends of Pop Whalen expansion. Friends of Pop Whalen is working on a warrant article vis-à-vis the expansion.

Municipal Energy Tracking Internship: There have been 4 applications for the summer intern to continue the town's energy use tracking. Two individuals were interviewed and one selected to be offered the job by Barry Muccio. This project will pick up the tracking of type of energy consumed and amount of emissions that was begun in 2007.

EV charging station update from Dick Byrd: Nancy met with Barry Muccio and Jim Pineo to establish that the EV charging station would be owned by the Electric Department and be responsible for the site work.

Brian Deshaies reported on information gathered with Jim Nupp about different EV charging station options and created a spreadsheet which was discussed. Current unknown is the amount of use that the station would get. Donations for the cost of site preparation have been secured from a number of local businesses. The location specified at this time is next to the future Train Museum behind the Railroad Depot which would be close to town and wouldn't take up current parking space but add new space. DPW would install the conduit before it is paved in September.

Dick Byrd, Brian Deshais and Jim Nupp will meet again to settle on a recommendation for the whole committee. After the committee it will go as a recommendation to Barry Muccio.

Program/Event Clean Energy NH is conducting a tour of EVs around the state of NH. Susan will connect with Briana Fiorillo from CENH to see about possibility of routing the tour through NH. Also discussed

possibility of including EV in the Lift Your Hood event held regularly in town. Susan will investigate further about dates, times and opportunities.

Future planning: Nancy will send out original inventory of energy use to help determine projects priorities. Susan and Nancy will do training for Department heads on tracking energy use once intern has updated the current numbers.

Master Plan Energy Goals reviewed.

New energy contract was approved months ago. Nancy will introduce Warren to Barry so that Warren will review the renewable energy allowances and length of contract.

Next meeting: TBD

Adjournment: 8:55 am

Susan Fuller

Signed by: