

Bolton Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2020
Bolton Town Office

Members present: Henry Corse, Lexie Haselton, Juliette Juillerat (Chair), Peter Schoen

Members absent: None

Clerk: Carol Devlin

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Juliette Juillerat.
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:
Additions:
 - Advertising Efficiency Vermont ServicesDeletions: none.
3. Public Comment: none.
4. Recurring Business: Approve December 11, 2019 minutes. Henry Corse made the motion *“to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.”* Peter Schoen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
5. Updates:
 - Rt. 2 Solar Project – No update.
 - Solar RFI (Submission Date Extension and Vendor Outreach):
 - No companies have submitted an official document and only 2 responded.
 - The EC would like to know why there was a limited response.
 - Individual members will reach out to Green Lantern, Sun Common, Building Energy and the Huntington Energy Committee to discuss limitations of a solar project in Bolton and possible models.
 - Discussion of potentially buying credits from solar arrays outside of Bolton.
 - Companies with large solar arrays in may be interested in selling credits.
 - Would buying credits from limit options for developing local sources for renewable energy and/or buying credits from more than one source?
 - Consensus: the EC should get more information.
 - There is some question as to whether the state and county Energy Plans would count using solar sited out of town towards Bolton’s energy goals. Do the regional plans require local siting of renewable energy?
 - ERC invitation to attend February meeting to discuss 2019 Community & Energy Fairs.
 - The EC decided to decline the invitation as the consensus is the EC is not interested in organizing an Energy Fair in 2020.
6. Discussions:
 - Park and Ride
 - The consensus was transportation should be a priority this year, especially getting a park and ride.

- The EC will reach out to the Mayor of Montpelier get information on what might be involved in a municipal park and ride.
- Reducing Fossil Fuels – Town Office & Fire Department
 - Continue to explore options for a heat pump for the town office.
 - Continue to explore options/models for renewable energy, especially solar, for the town office, town garage and fire station.
- Advertising Efficiency Vermont Services
 - Explore options for an EC mailing about Efficiency Vermont.
 - A discussion about the importance of education of both options for residents and residents’ concerns for agencies developed.
 - Mailings
 - Evening Workshops on subjects such as Efficiency Vermont, electric cars, weatherization, micro-hydro as a renewable source of energy.
 - How do we advocate for energy efficiency to people with limited time and tight budgets?
 - Each EC member will write one quarterly article for the Gazette.

7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 at the Town Office.

8. Closing: Juliette Juillerat made the motion “*to close the meeting.*” Peter Schoen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0) at 8:30 p.m.

Attest: Carol Devlin, Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Energy Committee on October 15, 2020.