

**East Montpelier Energy Committee Meeting DRAFT MINUTES  
June 12, 2017 at the East Montpelier Town Office**

**Energy Committee members present:** Lindy Biggs (chair), Rob Chickering, Carl Etnier (recording secretary), Tom Fisher, Dave Grundy, Scott Hess, Cort Richardson, Jean Vissering.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:00 pm, Chair Lindy Biggs called the meeting to order.

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Energy Fest in Calais Town Hall June 28, 6 to 8 p.m.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**D. ENERGY FEST IN CALAIS TOWN HALL JUNE 28, 6 TO 8 P.M.**

The Calais Energy Committee has organized it. We are putting our names on it, and Ms. Biggs is helping them with promotion.

**D. DETERMINE FUTURE MEETING TIMES**

Next meetings, all at 5 pm at town office:

June 27

July 5, with Eric Vorwald

July 12

**E. DISCUSS RPC DOCUMENTS**

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) has selected East Montpelier and two other towns (Barre Town and Waterbury) for enhanced assistance in putting together an energy plan. Eric Vorwald at CVRPC is at work in scrutinizing our town plan and assessing its compliance with Act 174.

The enhanced assistance from CVRPC runs through the end of July. There's some uncertainty about our deliverable at that time, but we think it is creating a plan that satisfies all the requirements in the checklist, "Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans." We can wait until July 2018 and submit the Energy Plan with the revised Town Plan, at that time it goes to the CVRPC for approval. However, we can choose to submit our Energy Plan before that time, in which case it goes to the Dept of Public Service for approval. Once our plan is approved we will be in compliance with Act 174, and our plan will receive substantial deference by the PSB in future hearings.

The plan will consist of the energy, land use, and transportation sections of the current town plan, modified to fully conform with Act 174.

**F. DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR MOVING FORWARD ON ACT 174 DETERMINATION**

We will divide up in teams to review Mr. Vorwald's document, our town plan, and other sources:

Conservation and efficiency: Mr. Fisher and Ms. Biggs.

Transportation: Mr. Etnier and Mr. Grundy

Land Use: Mr. Chickering and Ms. Vissering

Development and Siting of Renewable Energy: Mr. Hess and Mr. Richardson

Next meeting (June 27): The pairs report, 10-15 min. apiece.

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**