

Town of East Montpelier Energy Committee Minutes (Draft)
Thursday, July 27, 2017
Town Office

Committee members present: Lindy Biggs, Steve Knowlton, Carl Etnier, Scott Hess, Cort Richardson (arrived 5:21)

Public: Amy Willis

A. Call to order. Chair Lindy Biggs called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

B. Additions to the agenda. None.

C. Approve minutes.

Motion: I move to approve the minutes of the previous Energy Committee meetings this year. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Hess. 4-0.

D. Public comment. None.

E. Review full draft of Pathways report to CVRPC

The committee accepted the draft report and gave kudos to Ms. Biggs for pulling it together. The next revision needn't happen before the Planning Commission (PC) incorporates it into the town plan update, but we may want to do something before then.

F. Discuss next steps for the committee

The committee will start working on energy sections for town plan. Mid-September would be a good time for those drafts. The current town plan expires June 3, 2018. The committee will coordinate with PC's work schedule on writing chapters. We will clarify with PC chair Jean Vissering who the lead is on transportation and land use, and where our renewable energy siting section will go (land use or energy). Ms. Biggs will ask Ms. Vissering for the schedule and send it around.

We can read the work product of the other two towns with funding from CVRPC (Barre Town and Waterbury) and see what we can learn from them, and whether we want to meet with them.

The Committee will await feedback from Eric Vorwald at CVRPC on the draft and see what response is appropriate.

The Committee will plan our work schedule on the things Energy Committee has responsibility for.

Ms. Biggs is working on an article for the next issue of the Signpost, with a deadline July 31.

Perhaps the Committee can organize an energy fair in Montpelier or at U-32 with Calais and Sustainable Montpelier Coalition.

G. Other business

Next meeting: Thursday, August 31, 5 pm, Town Office.

H. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.