

Gina Jenkins

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Dear Seth, Zoe, and Gina,

The Energy Committee is making progress on its work, but has felt slightly uncomfortable with the fact that it does not have a clear "charge" from the Selectboard. At our March 26 meeting, we unanimously approved the following proposed charge, which we hope the Selectboard might consider adopting:

The East Montpelier Selectboard created the Energy Committee in 2008. The Committee's current charge is to:

- Advise the Selectboard, other town boards and committees, and town officials on energy-related matters that affect town operations and/or policy;
- Ensure that the Town Plan qualifies as an Enhanced Energy Plan under Act 174, so that the town receives "substantial deference" in renewable energy siting decisions by the Vermont Public Utility Commission;
- Propose updates to the Town Plan as needed to advance town and state clean energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals;
- Develop and implement community outreach and education projects that support the Town Plan's energy goals and actions, including connecting town residents and businesses with resources for incentives and technical assistance;
- Support equitable and inclusive access to clean energy and energy efficiency for all town residents, to reduce the town's environmental impact while advancing affordability and well-being; and
- Collaborate with the Selectboard and the Emergency Preparedness Committee to improve the town's energy resilience.

If I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All the best,
Ben McCall (Facilitator, Energy Committee)