

Starksboro Energy Committee

June 4, 2018

1. Attendees
 - a. Members
 - i. Jeff Dunham
 - ii. Pete Antos-Ketchum
 - iii. Phil Mosenthal
 - iv. Megan Nedinski
 - v. Richard Faesy
 - b. Guests
 - i. Robert Turner
 - ii. Jeff Keeney
2. Town Energy Plan
 - a. Jeff Keeney reported out on the Planning Commission's process
 - b. Planning Commission has put out their draft Town Plan
 - c. Public hearing on June 12; that would be a good time to receive written comments as well and to hear public comments
 - d. PC will take written and verbal comments and will consider input at that time
 - e. Addison County Regional Planning Commission didn't realize that VT Elec Coop has electric lines in Addison County
 - f. PC considers the energy plan to be final from their perspective. They will present to the Select Board along with the rest of the plan after any adjustment following the public meeting
 - g. The PC meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays
 - i. 6/21 is the next meeting, so would want written comments by then
 - ii. The PC will look at everything via email ahead of this meeting
 - iii. First meeting in July the PC will look at final draft with any changes for final review before passing on to Select Board
 - h. The SEC brainstormed how to leverage ideas to try and meet some of the goals in the plan
3. Public Forum
 - a. Robert Turner reported on the Gov's Climate Commission
 - b. The Climate Commission will have recommendations in mid-June, but the Gov. may not make a decision on the recommendations for a few months
 - c. There is interest in a local discussion about the plan's impacts on Starksboro
 - d. One idea for a local forum would be to build on the final Town Plan and discuss how we are going to implement the recommendations in light of the Climate Commission recommendations
 - e. There are still questions about timing and potential outcome of the Commission report
 - f. There is interest in having the outcome be a project like addressing Robinson School
 - g. Goals of the forum could be:
 - i. Hear about the Commission's and Town Plan's recommendations
 - ii. What would it take to become energy independent?

- iii. Leave with a holistic next step approach
 - iv. Share more about the Commission and Energy Committee
 - v. How can SEC help achieve these goals?
 - vi. What can we do to help?
 - h. Format
 - i. Robert can present the Commission's findings
 - ii. Address what is the future of energy in Starksboro?
 - i. Plan for a September 14 meeting
 - i. Robert will present on Gov's climate Commission
 - ii. Suggested Adam Knudsen from Dynapower and also on the Commission could speak about also about battery storage
 - iii. Someone from the Planning Commission or SEC could summarize the PC's energy sections since Jeff K. won't be in town then
 - iv. Need a good name for the event; think about ideas
 - v. Promote the event on Front Porch Forum
 - vi. Facebook page for the SEC?
 - vii. Need to plan for the event
- 4. Addison NE Supervisory District Meeting with Patrick Reen
 - a. 8:00 Monday June 25
 - i. Richard
 - ii. Jeff
 - iii. Tom Perry? – Jeff will ask if he's coming
 - iv. Louis Dupont - Richard to ask if he can come
 - b. Ask permission for an audit of Robinson School from the District
 - c. Then ask to fund the balance that EVT won't pay for
 - d. Then talk with Ruth Beecher about student participation in the audit
- 5. Gazette Energy Corner Next Article
 - a. Electric Cars piece from GMP
 - b. Kristin Kelly article
 - c. Jeff D will talk with Susan Thompson about testimonial to include with the article on her Volt/Bolt.
- 6. Battery Backup for Town Clerk
 - a. Jeff D talked to GMP about the options for battery backup for the Town Clerk building
 - b. GMP said normally only available for Rate 1
 - i. 10 year service for about \$15/month
 - ii. GMP controls battery and draws from it
 - iii. 13.5 kWh
 - c. The Select Board needs backup for the Town Clerk's office
 - i. Voting times
 - ii. Radio base station
 - iii. Lights
 - iv. Pumps on the boiler to keep it heated
 - d. Peter Marsh would prefer a battery to a generator
 - e. Battery would be less money

- f. We should look into a micro-grid to support the village
 - g. GMP has asked the PUC to apply the battery option to Rate 6
 - h. Sonen batteries may be an option
 - i. Richard should talk to Green Mountain Solar about those options
- 7. Line Upgrades
 - a. Jeff has been talking to GMP about bringing in a line person to discuss upgrading the lines in town to 3 phase to handle solar and more load
 - b. GMP had not turned down the proposed landfill solar project in town. They asked for a study on what the developer needs to do with new upgrades.
- 8. Town Plan
 - a. Ask Rebeca for Word Document to allow SEC to review it
 - b. Review and combine comments before special meeting next Monday
- 9. Sharing Information
 - a. We can provide information to everyone, but can't discuss it
 - b. Include comments but don't discuss
 - c. Rebecca will come in next meeting to review the standards for open meetings
- 10. May Minutes
 - a. Pete made the motion
 - b. Jeff seconded
 - c. Unanimously approved
 - d. Megan and Phil abstained
- 11. Next Steps
 - a. Invite Rebecca to next meeting
 - b. Special meeting on 6/11 to review the Town Plan
 - c. Jeff will find and send out a Word document
 - d. Everyone should mark up and combine comments to submit June 12
 - e. July meeting on July 9 instead of the 2nd