

Town of Londonderry Energy Committee
DRAFT Minutes - November 8, 2017

Attending:

Committee Members: Will Reed, Bob Borella, Lawrence Gubb, Bruce Frauman

1. Will Reed called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes. Bob moved, Larry seconded: To approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Additions to Agenda: Will announced an Energy Fair in Windham on Nov. 9 from 5 to 8 pm at the Elementary School. Will's company will be participating. Bruce can not attend.
4. Kw sizing language. Bob made copies pages 4, 5 and 6 of the March 1, 2017 Public Service Board Ruling on Rule 5.100 regarding Net Metering. These pages include definitions of terms, including four categories for systems, not including hydroelectric facilities, from 15kW or less, between 15KW and less than or equal to 150 kW, and more than 150Kw, but less than 500KW on preferred and not preferred sites. Bruce said that hydro is excluded from net metering rules because it produces but does not consume electricity. Will read that for hydro pico-hydro is up to 5kW, micro-hydro is 6kW up to 100 kW, and mini-hydro is 101kW to 1 MW. **The Committee agreed use up to 15 kW as a definition of small solar and wind systems in Section 5, Goal 4, Policy 4.1 Action steps 2 and 3 and to delete "micro" from step 4 regarding hydro systems.**
5. Final Approval of Enhanced Energy Plan. Bruce printed out the latest version from Marion Major, but we found corrections are still needed. After discussion, Bob said he would take all the corrections and create a clean document on WORD. He will distribute the clean copy on PDF for committee approval.
Corrections needed:
Under *Current Electricity Demand* on page 3 delete "dollars" after dollar amounts in the last two sentences. Section 4, page 9, 0.66% of the modeled prime solar resource potential land area should be 0.71%. There was much discussion about the proper figures for **Thermal Efficiency Targets at Benchmark Years** in the chart on page 11. We finally realized that they are correct, representing total housing in Londonderry (primary, seasonal and recreational use, not just primary housing. (See parenthesis under *Current Transportation Use* on page 3 - Bruce). **Figures 5, 8 and 9 on pages 10 and 12 are not aligned on the page properly**, possibly due to poor conversion by Pages in Bruce's MacBook. **Bob will ask Marion Major about housing numbers, tables and where percentages come from before distributing a final version.** We will ask Marion Major of the WRC to join us at a meeting to answer any lingering questions before we need to answer questions of the Planning Commission and Select Board. The Enhanced Energy Plan was previously approved by the Energy Committee pending edits. These corrections are still being made.

6. EC Mission Statement. Bruce moved, Larry seconded to accept Version C of the Energy Committee Town of Londonderry, Vermont Mission Statement. Motion passed unanimously. See October 11 minutes for the language and formatting.

7. Seat Vacancy. Bruce moved and Bob seconded that the Energy Committee recommend to the Select Board that Donna Korpi, owner of Mountain Energy of Vermont, become a member of the Energy Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Will expressed concern about conflict of interest between being on the Energy Committee and promoting his insulation business. Bruce noted that the committee will not be bidding out any projects. Will said that even if we do, he would recuse himself from the discussion and vote. He is more concerned about passing out his card at an energy fair, for example. The committee did not feel this was a problem but we will seek clarification.

8. Londonderry Community Solar Expansion. Bob received a packet of information from the town clerk's office from Bruce Genereaux, owner of Londonderry Community Solar that Bob thought was related to the proposed expansion of the site. In fact, it was responses to questions about the existing site and an environmental engineering report on the foliage on the site. At this point, we do not know what the plans for expansion are. (Bruce just found a letter dated October 23, 2017 from ANR Senior planner Jennifer Mojo to Judith Whitney of the Vermont Public Utilities Commission concluding that conditions have been met to allow expansion of the array from 150kW to 366 kW.)

Bob asked that as an Energy Committee, we receive any documents relating to proposed renewable energy installations as an interested party. Will noted that without an Enhanced Energy Plan in place, we have no standing. Bob said that if we are to keep track of renewable targets in Londonderry, we should get notice of all projects: commercial and residential. We do not yet know how to gain this status.

9. Other business. (not on agenda). Will announced a meeting of VCAN, a gathering of energy committees on Dec 2 at Lake Morey. All are planning to attend.

10. Next meeting: Dec. 6 at 6:00 . Paul Markowitz, Efficiency Vermont liaison with Energy Committees has been invited.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Clerk
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