

**Town of Londonderry Energy Committee
Minutes - March 14, 2018**

Attending:

Committee Members: Will Reed, Bruce Frauman, Donna Korpi, Bob Borella

Supporting: Dick Dale (briefly)

1. Will Reed called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.
2. Approval of minutes: Bob moved, Donna seconded to approve minutes of Feb. 6, 2018 as written.

3. Addition to Agenda;

Donna brought a newspaper article about a meeting in Cavendish in which Casey Hodge of Southern Vermont Hydroponics spoke about hydroponics: equipment needed, how to maintain the plants and more. We will think about hosting such a meeting in Londonderry. Donna says this ties into energy because if one grows plants at home, it saves trips to the store, saving energy. Will said it has to do with sustainability and not eating food grown around the world and transported here.

Will received an email from Efficiency Vermont's Paul Markowitz saying that he has sent six packets for people remodeling or with new construction projects. Bob said he spoke with Robert Nied yesterday who did not say he received them. Bruce will check the office for the package and give five packets to Nied and save one for the EC. It was noted there is no Certification of Occupancy required in Londonderry, so it may be difficult to insure construction complies with state law on insulation.

4. EC Logo. Will said Neal McIntyre is open to having Flood Brook students work on designing an Energy Committee Logo. Will said he would think about parameters and get back to him. Bob said we should encourage depiction of clean energy sources in the logo. We agreed that "Londonderry Energy Committee" should be part of the logo, because if it is not there, no one will know what it represents. Bob envisioned a picture with a stream and solar panels. Bruce asked how can we depict conservation? Donna envisions a few very vibrant colors. Will sent Neal an email asking him to encourage middle schoolers to work in pairs and design a logo. Bruce asked about a time frame and Will and Donna agreed it should be this school year, so we can have it ready for summer activities. Donna would like to provide an acknowledgment, perhaps during the graduation ceremony

Curriculum. Will said Neal was open to us providing some level of expertise for the middle school. Bruce said Integrated Studies is a three year cycle with this school year being the fourth year and so re-teaching the lessons first taught three and a half years ago, with much revision by the middle school teachers. We don't know what the units are or when they are placed in the cycle. Will asked if we go into the classroom. Bob said yes based on his experience teaching about solar energy at BBA. Perhaps different people can talk about insulation, solar, wind, etc. Bruce said each unit is a big topic where the teachers teach the basics and then the students pick a specific topic, do

research and create a presentation of their own choosing. We will wait for guidance from Neal.

5. Website. Bob met with Robert Nied who is now the sole webmaster for the official town of Londonderry website. Robert wants no one else to have sign-in credentials for liability issues. He is not sure backups are being done by the host, so he does not want to risk anything getting deleted. Robert will do any edits and small changes we request (such as changing the title from Energy Coordinator to Energy Committee). He is absolutely in favor of the EC setting up our own website. He would link the town site's to ours and we can link back to the town.

Bob will develop a mark-up web page that, at first, only the Energy Committee could see. Donna says the links may be the most important part of the site. Will said we could split it into Efficiency (conservation) and Renewable Energy with a separate calendar and links for each.

Once the website is ready, Bob would like to set up a Facebook page, since that is how most people get their information on the web. This would be the first official Facebook page for the town of Londonderry, so we'd get approval from the Select Board first.

6. EEP Progress. Dick Dale popped in and gave us an update from the Planning Commission. He said the PC will take up the Enhanced Energy Plan up at its next meeting, April 9. He has read through it and finds nothing objectionable. Others still have to read through it. The PC has to hold a public hearing before they can approve it and pass it on to the Select Board, which also has to hold a hearing.

Dick also said Lisa Yrsha presented the PC with a letter stating their support for the Yrsha's solar project, but the PC did not sign it since the PC is not a regulatory body. Dick said the EC is not a regulatory body either, but the SB is. Lisa will go to the Select Board on Monday, March 19, to ask for their approval. Bob recalled that in June, Paul Gordon was going to write a letter from the SB, but wanted the WRC to review and approve the plan first. The SB may want an opinion about the project from the EC.

Bob and Will agreed that the project met all our criteria, but we were denied a site visit, so could not move forward.

During the meeting, Will responded to a Marion Major email asking about the progress of the EEP. Marion told Will that the WRC has funds available to help with the hearing process.

6. Next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 18 at 6:15 pm

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Clerk
March 15, 2018