

Town of Londonderry Energy Committee
DRAFT Minutes - December 11, 2018

Attending:

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

1. Will Reed called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm.
2. Approval of minutes:
Minutes from October will be approved at the January meeting.
3. Addition to Agenda
Email from John Copans of Rural Vermont regarding a climate economy model community town was added by Will.
Review of the Button Up program and town budget were added by Bob.
4. Bob said that one reason for asking for \$1000 from the town is so we can bring educational events to Londonderry. We should bring information from VECAN back to the community.
We agreed that Will will write up a report for the Town Report accounting for money spent including VECAN and Button-Up.
Larry said he would make a donation to the West River Trail Association for use of the Depot for the Button-Up presentation. Bruce moved, Donna seconded to donate \$25 to WRTA from the Energy Committee. Bob moved an amendment to bump that up to \$50. Donna seconded. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion to donate \$50 passed unanimously. (Tee shirts cost the town \$300. We have \$150 left to spend by June 30.)
Donna moved to reimburse the 4 members who went to VECAN for their expenses. Bruce seconded. Bob said he felt uncomfortable with the town cutting checks to EC members. Donna withdrew the motion and Bruce agreed.
5. Email from Jon Copans of the Vermont Council on Rural Development.
Will read from the email: "How can Vermont towns revitalize their local economy, increase affordability, and model rural solutions to climate change? VCRD's Climate Economy Model Communities Program (CEMCP) works with local citizens and partners to identify home, business, and community solutions that answer this question.

We are looking for two new communities to participate in 2019. The application process is now open with a deadline of January 18."

Application information at

<https://www.vtrural.org/programs/model-communities/apply-now>.

Bruce read from the program information at <https://www.vtrural.org/model-communities>:
“The ultimate goal is to help communities model change by implementing energy efficiency, transportation system transformation, renewable energy generation, working lands development, and entrepreneurship and business incubation to spur economic progress.”

Donna said Randolph, Pownal and Middlebury have already participated.

We agreed to read about the program and view the webinar on the application process which has not yet been scheduled. We will decide at the January meeting whether or not to apply.

5. Facebook and Website

Bob said the SB granted permission for the EC to host a FB page, with disclaimers.. This could include sample posts and upcoming events. We should “publicize the hell out of it” on the Londonderry Community Forum and elsewhere. A website is more static. FB is more engaging. Bruce and Will noted that documents can be posted on FB under Files. Larry asked who would be the administrator. Will said whoever created the FB page, but that other administrators could be added and proposed to create an EC FB page. Donna said she didn’t think it ought to be open based on experience. Will said content can be removed. Bruce and Bob opted to keep it open. Larry sided with Donna to keep it closed as long as people not members could still view it. Will will look into it and make a decision.

6. VECAN Follow-up

This is too long a discussion for now and will be discussed at the January meeting. Will asked if we want to change the format and/or location. Bob asked if we still want to have an Efficiency Vermont speaker or keep it local. Will suggested a tour of an energy efficient house and a tour of a renewable energy house. Bob asked if Button-UP was more than weatherization. Will does not know, there are criteria. Bruce thought that fewer people might attend at someone’s house. Will said those that did come might be more committed.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9 at 6:15 pm. Bruce asked if we were migrating to the 2nd Wednesday. Will said the first or second Wednesday depending on people’s schedules. Bob said we should open the meeting up to town residents (by offering relevant information.)

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Clerk
December 15, 2018

