

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 6th, 2022 7:00pm  
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: **Anne Miller, Rich Phillips**, Bob Atchinson, **Mike Xenakis, Nick Seifert**

Public: Sam Lash

Agenda:

- Public Comments
  - Sam Lash, CVRPC - Lash@cvregion.com
  - Climate and energy planner. Brief rundown of what we're up to, and how she can help us.
- Announcements
  - Bob - Standing trees. VT protected trees, US forest service is trying to change this. Another upcoming event on energy use.
- Agenda Updates
  - None
- Approve previous minutes
  - Motioned and approved.
- Business
  - Plainfield updates
    - Pedestrian bridge is fully finished. EV charging space should be available soon.
    - Bob is on TAC (?) committee, and got a local bridge on the "hot list" for repairs. Sounds like the bridge work is well understood, so may get done.
      - Anne asked a related question of the TAC (?) committee. Bob mentioned that the Marshfield member of that committee had not attended the last 3 or 4 times. Robin Schunk is the member.
  - Town Plan / Enhanced Energy Plan / Zoning discussion
    - Nick asked Sam to give an update on the enhanced energy plan updates which are coming. The update is related to new data being available. Earliest these could be available for use and able to be used for submission this fall. One of the goals is to get better consistency with the state energy plan.
    - Rich mentioned that one connection with this work is the community solar land. This is difficult because the town plan does not have any guidance on that.
    - Sam offered to help work on our plan to update with the latest data.
    - Nick to send Sam the latest draft of this. The request there is to review it and offer suggestion.
  - Upper Winooski Community Solar update
    - Rich gave a brief overview of the idea of the group. They are working on polling interest in buying in, and have some very good interest. Size of system would be 150kW. They are also considering 40 houses necessary for funding. They are looking for a place to site it. Goal is to build in 2023. Financing is still under discussions. Scope of ambition and project returns are still under discussion.
  - Marshfield Municipal solar

- Nick provided a quick update on this. It may not be possible to use an offtaker agreement AND the current net metering from the tracker town's PV. There may be a reasonable PUC question here. Sam offered to connect us with a PUC member. Nick will send the question to Sam.
- Grants / Funding / Legislative updates
  - Electric busses
    - First question is: Is the school replacing any buses?
    - Next: How old are the buses you want to replace, there may be additional incentives. It's possible the full cost of replacement could be covered by the grant.
    - Grant due by August 19th.
    - Would need to get the district onboard, because they are responsible for the busing, not Twinfield's schoolboard.
    - Next step is to get Erin involved and see if she can help.
- ARPA funding updates
  - Anne met with someone who is onboard. She's measured fridge capacity so has an estimate for size. Sam mentioned that a free walkthrough is available for municipalities right now. She also mentioned that there is a Ben & Jerries grant which may be available.
  - Sam is doing work with Emergency Management related funding, which might be able to fund AC units for any designated emergency.

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  - Plainfield Updates
  - Town plan / Enhanced Energy Plan
  - Upper Winooski Community Solar update
  - Marshfield Municipal Solar update
  - Grants / Funding opportunities
    - Electric buses
- ARPA funding updates
  - Food shelf walk in fridge.

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