

Montpelier Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016: 7:00- 8:30PM  
City Hall: Memorial Room

Members Present: Kate Stephenson, Geoff Fitzgerald, Cara Robecheck, Anne Watson, Ken Jones, Dan Jones, Dan Costin, Jared Duval, Barry McPhee, Rebecca Harris (AmeriCorps VISTA), Barbara Conrey, Karl Johnson, Paul Markowitz.

**Approve agenda:**

Kate moves to approve amended agenda. Geoff seconds motion. All in favor.

**Approve Minutes:**

Kate makes motion to approve minutes. Dan C seconds motion. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Priorities and Planning for 2017:** Committee discusses effectiveness of current committee organization. How many working groups can we manage and which ones?

- Kate proposes two different ways of dividing up the working groups:
  1. Thermal, Electric and Transport and 2. Residential, Commercial and Municipal.
    - Karl mentions merits of mix and match or having goal oriented working groups.
    - Our goals, current opportunities, the strategic and energy plan can inform working groups.

Potential Projects:

- Transportation for public schools (should be well integrated with transportation/ infrastructure committee)
- Land Use and local development corporation
- Municipal: Revolving Loan Fund, wastewater treatment cogeneration, prioritizing building audits
- Outreach and Engagement
- Tracking Data- Energy Plan and developing criteria for the Master Plan
- District Heat Plan
  - Money in clean development energy fund for feasibility studies or implementation
- Working with landlords
- Residential efficiency/thermal/ weatherization.
- Forest economy and local economic development

Outreach will mostly be in the “residential” bucket.

**Working Groups:** Committee divides up into four working groups – residential, municipal, transportation and energy planning.

**Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair** (to be revisited annually)

- Jared is nominated for vice chair and Kate is nominated as chair.

**Project Tracking:**

Barry will be project tracker

- Provides accurate up to date project information
- Prevents project group overlap as well as seeks out opportunities for efficiency and alignment with strategic planning documents.

**Other Business**

- MEAC awarded best energy committee in Vermont by VECAN.
- Design competition
  - Jan 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> – 5 finalists will present. Finalist round is due December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need help to get the public out for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> in January.
  - ORCA will be cablecasting it live and there will be online voting for the next 4 days.
- Opportunity to tabling at the Thanksgiving market.
- Planning documents

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM