

Charlotte Energy Committee
Minutes - Feb 7, 2024
7-9pm
on zoom

Attendees: Deirdre Holmes (facilitator), Mike Yantachka, Rebecca Foster, Wolfger Schneider, Julian Sicotte, Frank Tenney (Selectboard liaison), Hisham Tayebe (Champlain Energy Systems), Ben Reinke (Champlain Energy Systems)

Absent: Suzy Hodgson, Lewis Mudge

- 1) Called to order at 7:04 PM
- 2) Introductions of attendees and guests
- 3) Unanimous approval of January 3, 2024 minutes.
- 4) Updates:
 - a. CEC updates on Town website
 - Rebecca Kaplan volunteered to make updates to the site for us.
 - Committee members to make updates in the future, according to her. Frank prefers town employees to update website because of volunteer member turnover and proliferation of access to town computer systems; he will speak with Rebecca Kaplan.
 - b. Budget
 - The CEC level-funded FY25 budget (\$4,500) is included in the Town budget
 - Rebecca will provide a report on the status of our FY24 budget.
 - Discussion on possible uses of remaining FY24 budget.
 - Library project for crosswalk: general enthusiasm about contributing to that but more information is needed.
 - Estimated overall project cost may be \$17,500.
 - \$4500 grant to library

, and possibly more.

- c. CCRPC March Charrette date
 - Fill out survey if you haven't already
 - CCRPC has a map of the town showing locations of housing – pattern of development is contrary to town plan of building in the villages.
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/1b980d3a955a49c09a62c08f7404eb0a>
- d. Transportation
 - Hisham Tayebe presented the GMP fast charger program – provides funding for fast charger installations at “attractions” with no cost for Charlotte.
 - Hisham will forward information on the program to CEC members.
 - Mike will check with VT FP&R on feasibility of installation at Mt. Philo SP parking lot.
 - Other locations discussed: school, ferry parking lot, and beach.

- CEC will decide when and how to apply.
 - e. Solarize Charlotte
 - a. No additional feedback from the two people dissatisfied with GMP; everyone else very happy with the program.
 - b.
 - c. Discussion on whether to run program again this year or perhaps start looking into community solar. Rebecca and Julian will create a poll to gauge solar interests in Charlotte.
 - f. Library of things? Library Sustainability effort – no follow-up with Margaret so far.
 - g. Wolfger is looking at town garage energy consumption, which is high.
 - h. MERP Grant \$4000 – Charlotte could apply for it, deadline _____;
 - for community education (re transportation alternatives?)
 - Earthday/month events? With CCC? Perhaps also trails? Grange?
 - i. Charlotte Senior Center energy fair is May 20, 3-5 PM. Discussion on whether or not to table there. Decision to be made at March meeting.
- 5) Deirdre will chair next month's meeting.
- 6) Adjourned at 9:15 PM.