

Charlotte Energy Committee  
June 5, 2024  
7-9pm on zoom

Attending: Rebecca Foster, Wolfger Schneider, Julian Sicotte, Jim Hodson, Mike Yantachka, Deirdre Holmes (facilitator), Frank Tenney (Selectboard liaison)

1. May meeting minutes were approved.
2. Budget discussion was held to make final budget decisions for current projects within this fiscal year.
  - Motion passed unanimously: The CEC allocates up to \$800 of FY24 budget to equipping the library with a display device compatible with library services, and a security stand to demonstrate the town's solar energy production for educational purposes.
  - Motion passed unanimously: The CEC allocates up to \$1000 of FY24 budget for any components of the Ferry Road crosswalk improvement project.
  - Motion passed unanimously: The CEC allocates up to \$1000 of FY24 budget for the purchase of some or all of the recommended tools (including a solar light meter, a soil meter, a metal detector and a laser tape measure) and other items for the Library of Things.
  - Motion passed unanimously: The CEC allocates funds for registration fees from FY24 budget for Deirdre to attend the VT Walk/Bike Summit on June 20.
  - Motion passed unanimously: The CEC allocates \$300 of FY24 budget for solar permit application fees to secure advantageous net meter rate for future potential Town solar projects.
  - Deirdre will meet with Margaret and Susanna at the library to determine specific products, she will meet with Nate to request purchasing, and will meet with Mary to determine mechanics of CEC contribution to the crosswalk improvement project costs. Jim will look into applying for solar permits on behalf of the Town.
3. Project updates and discussion:
  - Solarize Charlotte 2024: With net metering rates expected to be lowered on July 1, important to push message out actively this month. Installers have asked when they can join town events. Jim shared calendar to indicate availability. Julian to post next on FPF, then Wolfger, then back to Rebecca.
  - EV charger: Wolfger's proposal for a rate increase is on the SB agenda for June 10. Attendance encouraged.
  - Sustainable Charlotte requested CEC co-sponsor upcoming talk by Don Hall, about his work on Regeneration Community. Accepted invitation. Talk to take place on July 17 at the library.
  - MERP mini-grant (\$4,000) has arrived. Discussion of how to determine best use. Deirdre suggested gathering an ad hoc group reaching out to others outside of CEC. Rebecca suggested revisiting the Town Plan energy plan implementation table first to determine priorities. Longer discussion will be held at July meeting. Rebecca to share CEC to dos from implementation table.
4. Next meeting: Regularly scheduled meeting would be on July 3. Given the July 4 holiday, the next CEC meeting will be July 10 at 7pm. We will meet in person on the library porch.

Adjourned: 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Holmes