

Rough draft - Energy Committee Minutes
Approved 2/26/2019
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Visitor Center, Claremont, NH

Attending: Reb M, Marilyn H, Derek F, David L, Bill C, Robin H,

Absent: Scott P

>Minutes/Notes from memory and flipchart notes<

Sarah Brock, Energy Program Manager at Vital Communities, attended to assist with developing an Energy Action Plan for the EAC. Sarah explained she will be facilitating up to three individual sessions with the EAC to develop the Plan. Sarah will provide working materials and homework throughout the process.

This session will focus on each member learning about individual and collective motivations and actions for the EAC.

Notes: Sheet 1

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

- Education: viable alternatives for energy production
- Interest in solar energy (live in a passive solar house)
- PV/Renewable tax exemption
- Why is NH behind neighboring states
- Past service with the Master Plan Energy Chapter Subcommittee
- Personal interest in community energy management and energy technology
- Bring new energy tech to the City (increased efficiency/change) in a way that is acceptable to the community
- Claremont as an energy leader in the state
- Environmental quality (eg GHG) - EAC can promote regenerative activities
- Preservation of City's resources (important because of personal conviction/faith)
- Strong energy design background (large scale generation) - enjoy the work
- Experience in renewables
- Service in USAF: worked on base energy efficiency including facility maintenance & tracking and energy performance contracting
- Help to get projects done in the community, as leaders, taking 'actionable steps'
- Dark sky - lighting efficiency & cut-off lighting city-wide
- Input for ordinances & regulations for energy goals
- Give back to the community (professional background working in power companies)
- Reducing carbon footprint & IPCC Report
- Help increase energy efficiency in the city for saving money
- Implement MP goals

Overall

- >Passion to do something good for the community
- >Be leaders and make Claremont a leader in energy
- >Reduce the City's carbon footprint

Notes: Sheet 2

HOW CAN THIS COMMITTEE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- Educate the public - PR, school projects, reaching out to social and church groups, articles, council meetings
- Research other committees - best practices and opportunities
- Full 'change-over' of councilors after 2019 - educating new members
- Refer to Master Plan
- Cheerleaders for community to have statewide status in the energy discussion
- Land use ordinances - energy perspective
- Maximize use of existing resources (land, buildings, infrastructure) for solar projects, promote community solar opportunities/projects
- Work with leaders to formulate goals, lower energy costs, develop partnerships, economic development, public awareness
- Claremont as a technology incubator
- Weatherization & advocating for vulnerable populations
- "High level" partnerships and initiatives
- Overall local community education
- Small actions/events count

Notes: Sheet 3

- *Projects
- RSA
- Solar Siting
- Education