

Mason Energy Commission October 3, 2022

Present at the meeting: Garth Fletcher, Dick Stockdale, Dave Morrison, Kathy Chapman, Curt Spacht, and Michelle Scott

Agenda:

- Minutes accepted: Dave voted to approve, and Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Plan Priorities Committee:** The MEC members nominated people in the community who will be able to help us determine what order to do our projects in, set the direction, and pick topics to focus on. We plan to explain the purpose of our group, what we have done, what we have tried to do, and what has gone down the tubes, and what we dream of. Michelle will discuss the possibility of adding someone who has had experience on the BOS. We will summarize our past work, and what we tried, what succeeded, and did not, and what we are still working on. Finally, our dreams for the future. The work of putting together this summary was divided up among the Commission (see Action Items).
- **Education Outreach:** Solomon Goldstein-Rose' book 100% Solution is the topic of an Eventbrite effort of Mason Energy Commission, and The Bookery, an independent bookstore in Manchester. It's a book signing and interview with the author about what needs to happen to get rid of 100% of fossil fuels by 2050. We have put together questions to be used during the interview, which Michelle will conduct. There is a copy of the 100% Solution book for the Mason Library.
- **Education around EVs:** Dick has revised Curt's EV slide show, and has print outs that will be presented to the BOS on October 11. Dick and Dave will present our summary of the EV situation. They will have handouts for each Selectperson. AND, they will offer updates approximately every quarter on the latest Police and Safety in various towns around NH who have already purchased EVs for their fleet. How can we keep the police chief informed? We will ask him and the BOS what kind of updates they would be interested in.
- Business weatherization package? REAP webinar on weatherization 10:30 on October 5 on <http://masonnhenergy.org> at 10:30 am
- **Eversource billing issues:** Darrell has made no progress to report on the billing from Eversource.
- **Clean Energy NH Conference:** We paid our dues for Clean Energy NH, and have 2 tickets to the conference. If you want to go please let Kathy know!
- **Next Meeting Nov 7th at 7 pm** In Nov we will decide if we will have an informal meeting in December.

Dave moved that we adjourn at 8:22, and Dick seconded the motion. All voted to adjourn.

Questions:

Even tho the US is responsible for 1/3 of all the planet's emissions, the rest of the world has to act with us. It seems like the point of your book is to examine the many different ways we can and must act to reduce global warming. How is this book different from other books on climate change?

Tell us about the "pillars" concept in your book, and show us some pictures!

How big do we need to think?

In the NE, what pillars should we concentrate on?

Tell us about the parts of the pillars address lower costs, or is this a pipedream?

What should small towns start with?

I want to send all our legislators a copy of your book. I know your would approve, but really, how can we get this multi-focused concept out to the politicians?

Our electric bills offer the opportunity to 'choose' a larger percentage of renewables to get energy from, how much difference does this make? Can it actually affect fossil fuel consumption?

Are there any global efforts, like the Paris accords, but with teeth, to address the other 2/3 of the developing world?

How do your pillars show that it's not: 1. Take no action because we should wait for tech to catch up to the need to solve problems 2. Claim we can make the solution to climate change by using solar and EVs?

How can we turn around the subsidies that fossil fuel companies receive, and add them to the renewable energy source? Even in the IRA recently passed, the fossil fuel companies managed to get unrestricted funds for exploration and production, while renewables got grants that have to be applied for...