

Mason Energy Commission November 7, 2022

Attending: Michele Siegmann, Dick Stockdale, Dave Morrison, Curt Spacht, Darrell Scott, Michelle Scott

Approve the October Minutes: Dick moved to approve minutes, and Dave Morrison seconded the motion, the members voted in the affirmative.

December 5 will be an informal meeting although we typically don't meet in December. Main agenda will be to plan for 2023, and put together the info for the town report

Our next agenda item was approving the budget of \$950 the same as last year. Dick voted to approve, and Dave seconded it. All members approved.

EV presentation for Town. Follow up comments: Although the response from the Town officials was not completely enthusiastic, we promised to update them semi-annually. Dick will keep track of the latest developments, and new vehicles—with an eye to economical advantages for Mason. We now have a nice slide show, thanks to Curt, Dick, and Dave.

Residential and business package for saving energy. Small businesses (<\$50,000) and they get 90% approval with up to 50% of the costs reimbursed. We need to let applicants know that they need an energy audit. Who does business energy audits for businesses. Parkers, Picket Place and Wolf Rock Construction are possible candidates. LaClair's, Mason Hollow, Mason Brook nursery, and Hungry Bear. Rural Energy for America Program REAP is how to get this going! 10 Ferry St 03301 603-223-6037 Ken Yearman, Energy Coordinator, ken.yearman@usda.gov We will ask him to speak to us. Should we invite one of the business owners to be present? They may ask different questions than we would. Michelle and Kathy are in charge of developing the residential packet, and best way to distribute. It could be on line with a 'flyer' directing people to our website where the info will live.

Town Hall meetings We, MEC members, are still attending these. Do we have latest report?

Eversource debacle: Darrell tracked the numerous errors Eversource has made, and they made an effort to straighten out the errors. It looks like it will be corrected, and now Darrell has a contact for Eversource who will respond to his questions.

Dave reminded us of our **5 year planning session**, and how many of those efforts we have moved forward on. Our committees. As we work on our long range plan. If we can't articulate our own plan, how can another group do this for us. Michele said she feels they could do this as they would not be distracted by all the other details of the regular committee. Louise Lavoie has been asked to be a part of the visioning committee, especially because of her experience as a BOS member. Members of Focusing Committee: Ann Moser, Dottie and Lundy, Gary Elsworth, Louise Lavoie,

Garth was asked about monitoring energy, he pointed out the energy which is not measured, can't be saved! And the FC committee can be referred to Garth's info data on his website. Dave will add what Highway Barn saved due to the monitor! In the fire dept one of things that used is the day room which uses air conditioners in the windows, and other second floor offices. That's where most of the energy is used.

Solar Energy in Mason: Garth says that the number of solar panels being installed by HAREI in Mason are increasing! He suggests we get a list from HAREI of all the ones in Mason. (Who will do this? Maybe Garth?)

MEC Book club: The in-person members are all getting a copy of Saving Us by Elizabeth Hayhoy! Thank you Kathy. Michelle briefly reviewed the book, and recommended it as a way to learn to persistently talk about climate change, and energy conservation.

We went over the Action Items list. Dave read thru the fleet brochure on vehicles, but he says it is a bit dated. He does have a new town truck, "Silver Fox" which is a fossil fuel user. But we will continue to explore the possibilities of a more energy efficient. He is keeping up with EV truck development. What about the grants that our FL contact got for his EV and Hybrid fleet. Can we contact him about these?

Action Items Ken Yearman from REAP! Dec 5 or Jan 9th for 45 min of his time to tell us how we can implement the REAP programs. Or, he may share a webinar with us. Kathy will contact for December.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn, and Dick seconded the motion. All were definitely in favor, it was 8:49.