

Mason Energy Commission October 4, 2021

Present at meeting: Dick Stockdale, Michele Siegmann, Curt Spacht, Kathy Chapman, Garth Fletcher, Joe Harney, Darrell Scott, and Michelle Scott. Dave Morrison is on vacation.

Kathy opened the meeting with a review of the September meeting notes. Kathy had already added Garth's comments. Michele Siegmann, made the motion to approve the minutes, and Dick Stockdale seconded. The 4 members approved unanimously.

The MEC attendance at Planning Board meetings may not be necessary since most issues do not apply to energy issues. The agenda is not known prior to the meeting but if we are aware of hearings that might have something to do with energy, an MEC member could attend. We did attend during the work on the Master Plan in the past few years. But attendees at our meeting agreed that we would no longer attend these meetings on a regular basis.

Town Hall meetings are at 5pm on Wed and they will be talking about topics related to energy use and conservation. Michele suggested that we email the chair to say that we would like to attend for the above reasons. Michelle suggests that we should attend to keep reiterating (politely) our invitation to do the energy resource research for them for insulation, lighting, and more!

Door hanger: Michelle designed a flyer sample, but the whole idea was decided to be not the best use of our funding. Later Kathy contacted the Town administrator and she agreed to publicize the information on the door hanger.

BOS meeting was concerned about electrical bills going up. Darrell acknowledges that the fire department is higher, though there is no known reason at this time. He will get the electric bills from Brenda so that he will see if the bills are finally adjusted.

We got into breakout sessions to work on the items that we set for MEC in the Master Plan.

Group 1 Local energy solutions was the topic for Michele, Dick, and Curt. Action item? Curt will try to find out more so we could look for a template to make it happen. They felt that they needed to know more about how to tap into local energy. Henry Herndon could be a speaker that would illuminate this particular issue.

Group 2 Item one was transitioning Town vehicles. Park and Rides for Mason. 62 % of the survey were not interested so this is probably not necessary. As far as finding rides, go to the NH Department of Transportation <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/rideshare/index.htm> People can register and find rides! The sites needs publishing widely.

Group 3 They came to the conclusion that energy audits for Town buildings might be a focus of the MEC. EPA portfolio manager. Darrell says the site is too cumbersome, and is based on averages of other buildings that don't really exist here in Mason. We can enter data on a spread sheet that can be clearly seen by anybody. If the EPA portfolio manager is required for a grant, then it could be resurrected. So which building would we use, and how to find funds to do audits on at least one building.

Joe Harney: Clean Energy NH, did not have any info on the infrastructure bill. No-Lo grants, Biden increased the funding the USDA had rural grants on energy. Vehicles in rural municipalities.

Website: Curt continues to post, and sends an email to those interested parties to let them know that new things are posted. We do have a Facebook page, but we have hardly any posts to the site at this time. Our Instagram account is also not too active.

Michele made a motion to adjourn at 9:04, and Dick seconded the motion, all 4 members voted in favor.