

Approved Waterville Valley Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022 4:30PM
Location: Teleconference Only

1. Meeting called to order by Kim Rawson at 4:30pm
2. Attendance
 - a. Members present: Kim Rawson, Irit Levy, Linda Coleman, Kelly Cannon, Terry Roper, Mark Decoteau
 - b. Others present: Alan Berko, Emily Manns, Bob Hayden
3. Approve last meeting's 3.17.2022
 - a. Irit Levy moves to approve meeting minutes. Kim Rawson seconds.
Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Alan Berko has volunteered to be a new REC member. He has been in Waterville Valley for 35 years, has earned a Masters Degree and volunteers in public health and has interest as a concerned citizen. Alan is welcomed as a new member of the committee.
 - b. Revisit to discussion to ice arena roof for solar
 - i. Mark - The Town of Waterville Valley only owns the footprint of the roof, not any land around it (no space for ev charger)
 - ii. The companies that have looked at the building have expressed concerns about the age and condition of the roof. Structurally, there has not been any engineers study on the strength of the roof. WV does not have the electrical account at the arena. Capital projects for the hockey academy are focused on the refrigerator system. The Town is responsible for capital maintenance of the building but the electrical use is complicated. The lessees take on capital improvements at their own cost during the term of the lease, in exchange for the town will modifying the purchase price. The lease is one year into 10 years. It hasn't financially made sense to investigate solar on the roof more seriously for these reasons. The roof is, however, at the end of the useful life. Solar will be practical when the roof is replaced.
 - iii. The arena used to be run at a deficit and now it runs in the green now that it's leased.
 - iv. Bob Hayden- the amount of weight it would need to endure is 4# per square foot. It may be an appropriate roof when the time comes which is not a lot for an addition to the new code requirements.

5. Community Power Survey Results (survey summary)

a. Next steps

- i. Kim Rawson: Great job Emily on the survey! Any member of the REC can join the Community Power Committee and SB is adding names.
- ii. At the SB meeting last week, a Community Power Committee was supported to put forward and be ready for the voters in 2023.
- iii. Bob Hayden: Emily did an excellent job on the survey indicating that the community is on board and leaning green. Some stakeholders have already taken action. The establishment of the cp committee is important now.
- iv. Emily Manns: Some highlights are
 1. The document should be part of the plan.
 2. The demographics are broad so questions are answered.
 3. Somebody of each demographic is reached.
 4. More young people <40 and businesses should be involved.
 5. A business survey can get their voice in the conversation.
 6. 83% of respondents want green energy if they will be paying about the same
 7. The Town website will always have the official information. The Wig Wag is popular.
 8. Reach out to people who provided emails to reach out to involve them for committee or other involvement.
 9. Opportunity for outreach 43% haven't changed to LED bulbs.
 - a. Alan Berko wondered the reason for this.
 - b. Emily and Bob agree its not unusual. Wherever people are we want to move them in the renewable energy direction.
 - c. Kim Rawson: Communication and relationship building is imperative to connect and prepare for the unpredictable energy future.
 - d. Mark DeCoteau: Communicate before the meeting and answer questions at the meeting. If you effectively lay out a good reason and rationale and communicate it, it has been historically successful.
 10. People do understand and want lower costs. People are showing interest in energy topics.
 11. The survey responses are solidly typical to a community. WV didn't have negative comments.

12. Bob Hayden: Unanimous support for plan at Town meeting with similar survey results to WV.

b. Meetings

- i. Kim Rawson: What are towns similar to ours that are in a similar position that can speak to our SB? To meet first as a committee and then with WV SB.
 1. Bob Hayden: Marlborough, Swanzey, Wilton, Keene Introductions will be made.
 2. What kind of experience did you have? What did you do for community communications?

c. Committee Selection for Community Power

- i. Representation from WVRA was requested by Kim to Tom Gross.
- ii. Goal to get language of warrant article and vote for 2023 for Community Power
- iii. Mark Decoteau: Consider the REC committee to make it the Community Power committee to get it thru the process. Other ancillary topics are smaller compared to this. Approach WVR also should be on CP committee.
 1. Plan community meetings in summer after July 4th, in October and in January. Talk to condo association meetings.
 2. Warrant article has statutory language . CPC role is to communicate what it means for the taxpayers what they are voting on.
 3. Float for 4th of July parade?
 4. Talk to the Planning Board, School Board Meeting, Tuesday Community Meetings Sit at the post office and talk to people that come in. To gather and address comments and perceptions to break down the barriers to acceptance.

6. Master Plan Update

- a. Tara is working on the Master Plan.

7. EV Charging Infrastructure

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2) - Regular Meeting – Friday, April 22, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.
NHDOT, Room 114, 7 Hazen Drive Concord, NH.

8. EV & Renewable incentives -Linda

- a. Renewable Energy Property Tax Exemption RSA 72:61-72
 - i. Taxpayers cannot be treated differently
 - ii. 2019 adopted the provisions which allow wv to give 10 year exemption on ½ of the value created making improvements to their

property.

- iii. If the property value is increased by solar WV can exempt 100% of new value. The improvement is a win/win. It incentivizes not to have to pay higher taxes when improvements are made by taxpayers
- iv. Put in a tickler to present file first meeting in September. Remind Mark. In August meeting prepare 2 or 3 slides.

b. The commercial element has already been adopted

9. Solid Waste Update

- a. Mark Decoteau: When and which options will be considered for solid waste proposal soon. Waste will still go to Bethlehem.

10. Recycling Update

- a. Irit Levy: Barbra Laverdiere co chair with solid waste committee and liaison with Citizens Recycling Group. If a pole barn is built for recycling, can we put solar arrays on the roof? Contact the Citizen Recycling Group if you want to know what you can do now to recycle. Use Hannafords facilities to recycle. Bring recycling home to a recycling community to reduce WV trash. People in Town are buying the food composters.
- b. Mark Decoteau: All options are on the table. The roof space is not spoken for. The lagoon space use is not decided yet. Once the new plant is bid and approved by the state, the discussion on what will be done with the land will start. When the existing plant is decommissioned we will know what will do with the land.

11. Next meeting is May 19 @ 4:30 pm

12. Adjournment at 5:55 pm