Sustainable Hanover Committee  
Energy Subcommittee Meeting 12/11/18

Attendees - Barbara Callaway, David McManus, Heidi Trimarco, Judith Colla, Peter Kulbacki, Michael Hillinger, Stowe Beam, Marjorie Rogalski, Rob Houseman, and Yolanda Baumgartner.

Recorder: David McManus

Announcements

1. Jan 15th next meeting, Barb will record minutes
2. 12/17 Matthew from Tuck will do Grasse Road project presentation 1-2pm (vs 12:30 start)
3. Marjorie’s last “in person” meeting for the season. She will be “leaving” on a high note:
   o Triumph over ENH Green Power Challenge challenge
   o Yr 1 went well. Then in Y2 ENH was purchased by Spark Energy and months went by to try and get RECs for the program Green-E certified.
   o Marjorie connect with Karen K at PUC who quickly facilitated certification. Copy resides with Peter K.
4. Judi and Yolanda will co-chair while Marjorie is away

Ready for 100 Forum (title?) at HHS on April 24th

Yolanda suggested that a working group be formed to organize the event
   ● Volunteers include Judi, Barb, David, and Stowe (maybe?) so far
   ● Mat (mathew.zweeres@hanovernorwichschools.org ) is Marjorie’s contact at HHS

Gear event to be more of what townspeople can do to get on board with the program. Also Yolanda says Forum will be important to establish momentum going in to Town Meeting.

Forum broken down into 3 parts

1. Exhibition - Heidi suggests displaying solar slideshow as people as walking in. Judi suggested Lyn Swett Miller could help develop show
2. What town and SHC Energy have done
3. Break out sessions, will space accommodate at HHS? Ideas included:
   a. Presentations by townspersons, neighbors vs vendors
   b. Laura Hutchinson (interned at RMI) shares Dartmouth perspective

Main Topic areas:
   ● Energy Efficiency
   ● Rooftop Solar
   ● Community Solar
   ● Green Energy Purchasing - Judi mentioned local resident Peter Gish has extensive knowledge about wind and solar project development. Rob will contact

Judi suggested mimicking what Sarah Brock did at recent NH Ready for 100 at Dartmouth. Facilitate, stimulate discussions and write up results from breakouts
Michael suggested not to do breakouts - may lose momentum and effectiveness that earlier part of the event has built. Marjorie suggested if no breakouts, then there has to be clear direction as to next action steps attendees can take.

**Tax exemption for solar**
Heidi will be preparing a petition in time for 2019 Town Meeting for the Town of Hanover to adopt an exemption from the assessed value (for property tax purposes) for property owners who have solar energy systems.

Rob stated that Julia (Hanover Town Manager) has indicated that she is not in favor of the Exemption.

More discussion and decision as to whether this committee will endorse Heidi’s petition is tabled for Feb or March meeting

**April Salas’ initiatives (Yolanda reporting on)**
- April has sent proposal to UNH Sustainability Program to recruit summer intern/fellow to help with Town of Hanover’s Ready for 100 program
- April reports that Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) creates access to Cadmus and RMI for technical assistance,
- Also Rob reported that he, April, and Peter are working on new contract (with new scope and project lead) is being negotiated with 3 Degrees

**Community Solar**
Marjorie reported on a system she learned about at the recent Local Energy Conference
Quaker Meetinghouse hosts an array that includes residential offtakers who also getting the commercial rate. Here is a news story that reports on the system - [https://www.concordmonitor.com/solar-power-quaker-canterbury-group-net-metering-17129177](https://www.concordmonitor.com/solar-power-quaker-canterbury-group-net-metering-17129177)
- Project incurred $22k in legal document costs that were provided pro bono and are available for public use. Heidi has the documents
- Heidi is on Hanover Conservancy board and will be navigating the potential to use conserved land for project
- Marjorie and Heidi collecting information on sites etc for hosting community solar projects
- Marjorie, Yolanda and Heidi met with Rosi and Jenna from Dartmouth
  - Dartmouth will leave room in their larger projects for residential offtakers
  - Land that would be too small for solar. Some examples?
    - Organic farm
    - Oak Hill
    - Rennie Rd
    - Lebanon
- Can Josh help on a technical level?

**Vital Community’s Weatherize Program**
1. Yolanda reported on recent program metrics shared with her by Sarah Brock.
2. Although there has been some concern on the committee about # of volunteers it takes to produce a successful program, Yolanda is especially impressed with results from Orford Lyme Piermont
3. Yolanda promoted idea to have Hanover enroll in the Fall of 2019 for implementation in 2020. Judi sounded in favor but vote to formally sign up with VC tabled for future meeting.
4. Stowe asked whether Town of Hanover needed to re-apply and Yolanda responded no, that VC would allow entry to the program if Hanover wanted in.

Marjorie asked Rob about Twin Pines development in Hanover so as to explore possible community solar opportunities. Rob reported that the project is Solar PV ready but made it sound like there has been no confirmation that solar will be installed.

Yolanda thanked and congratulated Judi for all the hard work she’s putting into the “Communications Document.”

Minutes for November 2018 meeting and 2019 month-to-month schedule for committee members assigned to record minutes circulated and approved. Meeting adjourned.