Minutes Sustainable Hanover, Energy Subcommittee (9.18.2018)

**Present:** Judi Colla, Yolanda Baumgartner, Arial Arwen (guest), Rob Houseman, Josh Hotvet (guest), Barbara Callaway, Stowe Beam (by phone), Peter Kulbacki, David McManus, Marjorie Rogalski, Julia Griffin, April Salas

During introductions new Hanover resident Josh Hotvet (Cypress Creek Renewables) gave an overview of renewable energy projects in NH.

Minutes were circulated for revisions.

**NH Legislative update**

The legislature did not override the Net metering provision but did override the biomass veto.

**Upcoming Activities**

- Irving Institute - first session of Energy 101 tonight.
- Energy Burden Advocate Training, Mayer Room, 9/24 5 - 8 pm “energy poverty”
- Vital Com, Bus Energy Innovation Collaborative, 9/27 8:30-1 pm $30 registration
- Mascoma Valley Expo 9/29. Sessions at different levels of expertise, 10-3 pm, register for lunch
- NH Ready for 100 (April) Nov 2
- National Clean Energy Week 9/24
- National Energy Efficiency Day 10/5

Next Subcommittee Meeting - Oct 8

**Kenyon Op Ed. re Rosen Solar project.**

Rob described the Open Space provision that allows for higher internal density for a subdivision if the provide a green space buffer. Mr. Rosen’s house was close to buffer, and started installation of a tracker in buffer without a permit. To proceed, Planning board would need to waive the subdivision regulation. Mr. Rosen did not want to pursue other options. Planning board denied permit. Would require revision of the Open Space provision. Planning Board looking at future resolution possibilities. Discussion of a response via LTE/OpEd that would be a more general reminder of the correct process. Judi and the Strategies and Communications group will be working on getting this
information out. Julia proposed postcard outreach for those interested in more information about general solar issues.

**Clean Energy Financing (David)**

Scott Maslansky at (CDFA) described two programs
- 75% funding for Level II energy audit.
- Bond funding for solar, 3% interest, 7-10 years.

USDA grant funding also available.

**VT Dashboard Update (April)**

Energy Action Network created visualization tool. Met with Judi, Yolanda, Mike, and April about a potential NH/NE implementation of their dashboard. Cost for a Hanover/NH version dependent on RFP response. NH does not have the same level of data capture as Vermont. NHSEA has a simpler implementation. Possible to get multiple towns for development of NH version with Hanover as a pilot site. RFQs due September 30. Further discussion at Clean Energy Roundtable.

**Team Reports**

**Grasse Road project (April)—**Started this week with Tuck students investigation. Focus on transition ownership to community. There was discussion about including battery storage options in RFQ. Deadline end of October.

**Non Muni Community Solar (Marjorie). Meeting Wed., 9/19 with Dan Weeks.**

**VPPA & Purchasing Group (Julia) No updates—**Call today with 3D.

**Strategies/Communications (Judi)—**Gathering content is a priority. Looking for other participants.

**Metrics (Honor/Mike)—**No update.

**Schools (David/Yolanda) Collection data from SAU for usage at HS**

**Recorder -** Michael Hillinger