Minutes
SHC Energy Subcommittee
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 1 to 2:30 pm
Second Floor Board Room

Attendees: Judi, Rob, David, Yolanda, Stowe, Heidi (phone), Marjorie (phone), Dennis Robison (guest), Tony (SAU 70), Josh (late), Rebecca Paquette (guest, neighborhood groups)

1. Recorder (Stowe)

2. Introductions
   - Round robin of intros of committee members present.
   - Dennis: Kendal resident. Academic librarian, retired. Involved in environmental group in Edenton, NC, prior to moving to Hanover. Interested to become involved in SHC and help where he can, potentially as newsletter editor.
   - Tony: Director of Facilities, SAU 70

3. Minutes from February (Mike recorded.)

4. Items Discussed
   - Solar - Article for the Town Warrant (Heidi)
     - Julia stated that town will be supporting the warrant, after meeting with assessor. Julia will assist with getting in front of Select Board and other logistics.
     - Rob: collective meeting with town staff to discuss tax implications. Assessor indicated this warrant would have no impact. Installations are not impacting home values in Hanover.
     - Yolanda: SHC to endorse? Need to have specific written language of warrant article prior to voting to endorse. Heidi to circulate draft to group, for email vote amongst SHC Energy Subcommittee, prior to full SHC meeting on 3/20. Endorsement due to Select Board prior to April 1 for consideration.
   - April 24th Forum (Yolanda et al)
     - Yolanda: Forum is 6-8pm. 3 Sections on the Agenda
       - 6-6:30: Poster Session and Community Conversation
       - 6:30-7:30: Speakers/Panel Discussion. Moderator - Stowe
         - 10 min presentations, then 20 min collective Q&A.
           - National perspective - April
           - Town perspective - Julia
           - Dartmouth perspective - Rosie (tentative)
           - SHC perspective - Yolanda
       - 7:30 - 8:30 Tables for Community Action/Engagement
       - Will need assistance from SHC and SHC Energy Subcommittee members
   - SAU - Facilities updates/efficiency improvements (Tony)
     - Solar installations
- Lots of roof space to potentially utilize in the future
- Cooling systems (3rd floor at HS now has A/C to deal with heat issues in spring/fall)

- Neighborhood Action Groups (Rebecca)
  - 3 sneak peek meetings re: Town Energy Forum
    - Howe Library, 3/26 @ 7pm
  - Postings to town listserv - Who Knew?
    - Energy efficiency tips/techniques
  - Supporting town forum w/registration and posters of the neighborhoods
  - Creating database on who has what installed where (e.g., x Kw of ground mount solar at y Road)

- PPA (Bloomberg) Conference / Training (Rob)
  - He recommends we go out with RFP with broad brush with our general requirements; too narrow limits our options and flexibility. Other cities RFI/RFPs available as templates; Boston’s included their scorecard.
  - Recommends we approach our procurement incrementally to hedge against technology/market changes, especially storage options.
  - Town meeting approval will be required for any contract beyond 1 year that does not include an appropriations clause.
  - Next steps: convene with Pete on his conference and work with Julia and April to draft an RFP/RFI approach

- NH Solar update (Josh)
  - Utility-scale solar has been relatively non-existent, BUT
  - 800 MW (potential) in the queue; attrition will occur during planning/approval phases
  - Net metering cap is likely to be raised this year / next, from 1 to 5 MW, due to change in NH legislature political composition. 5MW cap allows developers to pencil out $s on new solar projects, including potential for community and utility projects.
  - Offshore wind is also coming to N.E. Mass. leading the way, but NH has potential, too.
  - Electricity news: next iteration of Northern Pass proceeding in Maine: Quebec to Mass transmission. Permitting will allow wind/solar in Maine. This is a key difference from the NH Northern Pass failed project.

- Newsletter discussion (Yolanda)
  - How to get our SHC message out, regularly and reliably? Newsletter has been mentioned as solution.
  - Dennis: newsletter relatively easy to format, just need the info/articles. Dennis happy to serve as the gatherer / formatter / editor. Wants input from committee on topics and final draft sign off. Recommends quarterly distribution, minimum
  - Yolanda: envisions short articles, with lots of links, there are plenty of things going on to promote / inform

5. Updates
- Updates Since Last Meeting Highlighted in Yellow on Working Communications Document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rJTtwUJkfrvFCf8kli9Mw2gTuyfEy7GyAPdpO1TE6ghw/edit?usp=sharing
6. Other Business/Announcements
   - Come talk trash with us this week! CRC River Stewards will be at The Skinny Pancake - Hanover NH on Wednesday 3/13 at 5:30pm. Get all the latest news on what's happening at each state house on trash legislation...plastic bags, straws, etc. Snacks provided, cash bar.
   - FREE Screening of THE DEVIL WE KNOW Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm, Mayer Room at Hanover's Howe Library. Story of how one synthetic chemical used to make Teflon products contaminated a West Virginia community. New research hints at a much broader problem: nearly all Americans are affected by exposure to non-stick chemicals in food, drinking water, and consumer products.
   - Let’s Talk About Climate Change, Upper Valley Adaptation Work Group. Thursday, April 11, 4:30 - 8 pm, Hypertherm, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon, NH (Advance Reservations Required).
   - Students from Dartmouth Sustainability Office are planning to attend our May meeting to share what they are doing. Might need to change date of May meeting from May 14th to May 7th or May 28th. Stay tuned.

7. Next meeting: Tues, April 9 (Josh will record. Yolanda will moderate.)