

Unapproved Notes from December 4 and 7 of the Ryegate Energy Committee meeting.

December 4 - In attendance: Co-chairs Kate Davies, Michael McLellan, Secretary Carl Bayer, on zoom PC Alice Allen, Gail Brown, Peter Sinclair. We noted that both Kate and Donna Waelter have had no zoom option for the last week.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:05. November notes reviewed with many suggestions for changes from Peter. Carl noted the changes and Mike recommended with the changes, the notes be submitted as Approved Notes, Peter moved the notes with changes and Mike seconded. We decided that in the future Peter would review the unapproved notes before Carl submitted them for review.

Town Plan - Due to the technical issues with the internet we decided to reschedule the meeting to Thursday at noon. Kate agreed to properly warn it.

December 7 - In attendance: Co-Chairs Kate Davies on site and Michael McLellan on Zoom, also on zoom Alice Allen PC, Secretary Carl Bayer, and in the office Peter Sinclair.

Michael restarted the meeting at 12:15. We discussed the letter Carl put together about weatherizing the Town Office to the Planning Commission with the hope that they would advocate with the Select Board to continue the project. Kate said it could be shelved, and we agreed with her that we should offer, hopefully with others and the Historical Society, to clean up the storage mess in the attic. The PC December meeting has not been set yet. In terms of the Town Plan and our role we decided not to discuss ideas today but to use either Word or Google Docs to get our thoughts out before we meet. Kate feels 5 questions for the survey will probably be the result.

EV status - Carl read the email summary to Patrick Murphy, Sustainability and Innovations Project Manager Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development Division, Vermont Agency of Transportation, of his meeting with James Cater, Electric Innovation Strategist for Global Partners. Toward the end of the meeting Mr. Cater said he felt Global should consider the P/H site for Charging Stations with or without solar; should consider other sites they control in Vermont and recognized that Global should negotiate with Patrick Murphy. on behalf of the state Jane Kitchell is on the email communication. Peter has talked to a Wells River Chevy staff person about EV support in the area and his desire to address the Select Board. During Carl's meeting with Patrick he reported that the state is interested in the pursuit of Level 2 Chargers at sites like Municipal buildings, Libraries, etc. and Level 3 Charges where ever they can get them. The 25 mile standard is no longer in effect.

Window Dressers - Michael reports - The inserts work...Karme Choling is being considered as a better building site than the Barnet Vestry for the Southern Caledonia County Build.

Trails - Michael and Carl are setting up a meeting with Mike Thomas, Cross Vermont Trail Board Member, to get him to talk to the Select Board about actively promoting trails for recreation. Kate sees how this effort fits into a rewrite of the Town Plan. Michael talked of the use of the NVDA newsletter to keep up with webinars and grants of which there are many, one due December 20 that he is considering. Kingdom Trails also put out 10 grants to support trails. Peter will be talking to the Wilderness program about their property and will bring up the issue of supporting the traditional trail to the top.

Blue Mountain Community Solar - Michael has been revising the documents and getting the financials straight to challenge the potential list of 40 subscribers to invest. If people don't respond BMCS will

can the project. He reported that Norwich Technologies is negotiating with Karne Choling for a 500 watt array.

Regional Energy Committee Meetings - Michael put in a plug for the NVDA newsletter with all the Energy and Grant information we could use. Carl reported attending the Renewal Energy Standard meeting due to the newsletter as an example of the value of the information they provide.

BMU and Climate Curriculum -Carl met with the only and lead professor in Atmospheric Science at VSU- Lyndon who is rebuilding the department with a new hire. The Climate Consensus students will start meeting again next semester and Professor Ari Preston looks forward to them getting back to youth work outside and inside the schools.

Meetings - Peter suggested noon meetings. Kate will check with the Select Board.

Michael adjourned the meeting. Our next meeting for January 1 was not set, as a special January meeting will be established by Kate.

Respectfully submitted, Carl and Peter