

Energy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Town Office or on Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Committee members present: John Berry, Nancy Chandler, Victor Langelo, Nick Whatley, Jackie Cressy, Victoria Boundy.
Committee members absent: None
Others: Skye Siladi, Planning Director; Meg Rasmussen, MCOG; Julia Maine, FB Environmental; Ryan Holmes, Selectboard

Agenda

Invitation for Public Comment - None

Approval of [9-24-24 meeting minutes](#) - 1st John 2nd Victor, AIF

Staff update on the recording of Committee and Board meetings. - *There was an action item on the 10-17 Selectboard agenda proposed by Anne Callahan regarding recording board and committee meetings. Yvette asked Mark Waltz for more information about the current policy and the suggested motion to the selectboard.*

Elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Chair: Victor nominates Yvette, Victoria 2nd

Yvette accepts in lieu of another willing candidate until May.

Vice Chair: Yvette nominates Nick as Co-Chair, Victoria 2nd, AIF of new arrangement

Secretary: Victor nominates Victoria, Nancy 2nd, AIF

Old Business:

1. Review Climate Action Strategies for the November Public Meeting

Board 1:

- Comment about encouraging carpooling. There are a few strategies that address this issue.
- How does this align with the Comp Plan or can we have a crosswalk/cross-referencing? Julia: We did review the Comp Plan and it informed these strategies.
- Cluster development - might need to be described for the general public. Victor: Cluster development in Topsham doesn't really reduce miles traveled when it is in the outskirts of town.
- Transit-oriented development - maybe phrase differently, e.g. pursue development that allows people to use public transportation?

- Would like language around crosswalks. Julia: This is included more in the Complete Streets section.
- Put in plug for regional trail system
- SMPDC model ordinance - changing to make it a more general reference to ordinances, and combining with the third bullet strategy.

Board 2:

- Formalizing outreach around reducing waste at Transfer Station.
- Develop and fund invasive species management plan (add)
- Implement waste reduction programs, for more than Town Office
- Outreach to farmers - this is already covered by many other programs (NRCS, MOFGA, etc.)
- There was some general discussion about the prioritization process, and whether participants should prioritize the higher-level categories, or the long list of specific actions.

2. Discuss Social Vulnerability Assessment Draft

Comments should go to Meg by November 8. Jessica Brunacini is no longer working for CBEP so MCOG will be finishing up this section. Jessica weighed in on the CAP draft strategies for how they impact socially vulnerable populations.

3. Discuss Greenhouse Gas Assessment Draft

There was some discussion of the draft with Meg. Comments should go to Meg by November 8.

(Victoria lost internet connection and data here, so I hope other folks can fill in the outcomes.)

4. Discuss Public Outreach for November Workshop

a. Cryer Ad

Ad was sent to Pam.

b. Postcards & Tabling at TS and/or library

Yvette will invite people to table at the transfer station for a weekend in November.

c. Poster distribution

People are invited to post at places they have done previously.

d. Email outreach - other committees, library newsletter, highlands, HG, FB pages, BTLT, Schools, elected officials

Skye will upload digital versions of these emails for folks to email to their respective contacts/organizations.

5. Review and Approve [Annual Update to Selectboard](#)

Victor – motion, Nancy – 2nd, AIF

2nd Invitation for Public Comment: No public comments.

SAVE THE DATE:

2nd Public Engagement Session to Prioritize CAP Actions on Mon. Nov. 18 @ 6:30PM

Next Agenda Items

- November meeting focused on post event debrief
- December meeting falls on Christmas. Cancel December meeting.

Reference items:

[community engagement plan.](#)

[outreach contact list](#)