Northfield Energy Committee

April 16, 2019

Present: NEC Members - Jane Pekol, Denise MacMartin, Gail Hall, Sarah Wolfe, Nicholas Laskovski

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jane Pekol.

Minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

EV Charging Station: Jane had some follow up contact with the Town Manager regarding work done for the previous application (for the November 2018 deadline). There seems to be on-going concern about the carrying cost. Nick proposed doing a field trip with the town officials to EV stations in the area. He will reach out to them. Jane will contact the Town Manager with follow up questions for a potential April 30th application. The next round for this grant will not be until 2020.

Repair Café: Denise attended a meeting of community members interested in holding a Repair Café in Northfield. Jerry Cassels is leading this initiative and looking for partners and participants. The tentative date is June 15, to be held at NMHS. There was agreement that NEC should participate, and Denise will further explore how we can best serve as a co-sponsor of sorts or in some other capacity.

Commuter Bus: Review of notes Gail compiled, with discussion of how to best disseminate. Many questions/issues that came up in the forum require answers from GMT. Gail will arrange for a rep to attend our next meeting. There was discussion of the "Ride the Bus" week including publicity strategies for the event, which is scheduled for the week of May 20.

Better Connections Grant: We'll gather more information to see what role there may be for NEC to be involved.

Strategic Plan: Jane is working up a plan, using the data we've gathered and issues we've identified, that will cover the coming year.

May 7 will be our group picture day. Plan accordingly.

There will be an extra meeting this month so that we do not go three weeks between meetings.

The next meeting is April 30, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise MacMartin
NEC Secretary