

Northfield Energy Committee

May 28, 2019

Present: NEC Members - Jane Pekol, Denise MacMartin, Gail Hall

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

Commuter Bus/Bus Week Event: Debrief and wrap-up of the Bus to Work Week. Jane wrote an article she'll be submitting for publication. Gail will do thank-you notes to sponsors. Sarah will wrap-up with GMT, including getting names of bus pass raffle winners to them. Members agree it was generally a successful event, with a lot of good conversations with riders. Notes were made regarding possible changes for next year, including additional publicity, and increasing our bus riding and engaging local celebrities. Winners of raffle prizes were drawn and the task of contacting and sending out prizes was split among members. GoVermont has been in touch with Jane regarding a grant opportunity of up to \$500 that we could look into for future transportation promotional events.

EV Station: Gail will follow-up on getting some outstanding questions we still have as we continue to consider future possibilities.

Repair Café: Denise will compose a message for Jane to send to our larger mailing list to recruit more fixers and help promote the event.

Night on the Crescent: There was agreement that we should attend and have a table, but that it will be informational only, with no attempt to fundraise. We'll consider ways we can engage attendees to give us their ideas and suggestions and discuss in more detail at our next meeting.

Town Plan: The timing of our committee's approval as an official entity and the Planning Commission's deadlines have not been as conducive to our involvement in offering input to the draft as we had hoped. Gail has worked with some NCDN members on some initiatives to look at various sections and tie them back into the objectives and policies. She has also offered some input based on our previous discussions of certain sections and issues facing the town over the next several years. Denise will get clarity on the timeframe of future hearings and comment periods so that we can offer input as deemed appropriate at those future stages.

The next meeting is June 4, 2019 at the Brown Public Library. The NU space we had been using is not as readily available during summer, so we will hold our meetings in the library until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise MacMartin
NEC Secretary