

Northfield Energy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of June 4, 2019

1. **Roll Call:** Present were Commissioners Gail Hall, Sarah Wolfe, Nick Laskovski, and Jane Pekol
2. **Set/Adjust Agenda:** Lidia Bright came to talk to us about two new efforts and grants
3. **Public Participation (Scheduled):** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** 5/15, 5/28. Both approved 4-0-0.
5. **Discussion**

- a. Better Connections Grant, AARP Place-Making Grant

Given the grant, \$55K, asked to revise scope a bit. Too large an area to look at. Proposed focusing on Falls, DT, and Paint Mountain, to connect people centers to recreation area. Creating a more bike-friendly route on 12. Grant will focus on off-road path. Big picture is to connect Northfield to Montpelier by trail. Will be getting a consultant. Dan Currier from CVRPC is Project Manager. Energy Committee should be looped in. Surveying of the community will be happening at the beginning. Want to come out with actionable steps, 1.5 year-grant.

AARP Place-making grant, \$3,000. Wanted to focus on connection between Common, Wall Street, and Dog River Park. Multi-use path (bike, walk, wheelchair). Making materials like community chalk-board, pallet furniture. August 10th Parade and mini-fair. VTrans will spray a temporary path on Wall Street. Interactive element that relates to energy committee. (Bike repair, repair café). Crosswalk in Northfield Falls, could be another area of focus for Place-Making Group.

Walk Audit 6/18. Walking from the Common to Mayo. Talking about safety. Run by AARP Outreach Rep.

- b. GMATA Transportation event thank you's and follow-up

Gail (Hall) has sent thank-you notes! Gail Parent posted a lovely "thank you" on Front Porch Forum! Brita Eberle was very excited to have won the gift card. Nick will contact the family to see if we can get a picture of her with the prize! Jane and Gail will be meeting with Matt Jacobs of Darn Tough this week, to talk about transportation and sustainability efforts of the company and how we might plug in.

Do Good Fest July 13 – GMATA has agreed to charter a bus. Free festival at National Life. Costs \$20 to park, but festival is free. GMATA agreed, but will charge \$84/hour. Three hours total, \$260, would likely be one round-trip. Festival goes from 3 – 9. Ideally maybe have 2 round-trips. Could look into setting up a carpool. A big sponsor could be a good thing. National Life (Nick will reach out) or Cabot (Jane and Gail will talk to Matt).

- c. VTrans Grant

Sarah will draft a "Letter of Intent" to VTrans for the Local Community Assistance Program, a \$500 grant available for volunteer groups to promote alternative transportation in a municipality. Sarah will have this ready for next meeting and it will likely have some general wording about promotion of the Northfield Commuter bus line.

- d. Night on the Crescent participation
Sarah will fill out the NCDN participation form. We will need to get the \$30 fee paid. Sarah will create 3 pages of text and graphics for us to solicit ideas from the crowd, relating to the aspects of our Strategic Plan, for the Night on the Common. Nick has a pop-up tent if needed. Sign-up sheet will be needed for sure.

6. Public Participation (Unscheduled) – None

- 7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM