

Northfield Energy Committee

Minutes: July 2, 2019

Brown Public Library

1. **Roll Call:** Present were Commissioners Sarah Wolfe, Gail Hall, and Denise MacMartin. In the chair's absence the meeting was run by Sarah Wolfe, Treasurer.
2. **Set/Adjust Agenda:** Discussion of GMT proposed changes, possible bus commuter event.
3. **Public Participation (Scheduled):** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
5. **Discussion**
 - a. **Repair café recap and next steps:**

Denise participated as a fixer, and is on the Repair Café committee. She reported that there were over 50 items, totaling over 1,000 lbs., repaired and thus diverted from the landfill. NEC's formal involvement was minimal this round – some help with promotion and solicitation of fixers. We will work on more involvement for future events that may be offered every 6 months or so. NEC is especially interested in helping with efforts such as an e-waste station or metal collection.
 - b. **Transportation efforts: VTrans Grant letter, recap meeting with Darn Tough Sustainability Director:**

Gail will follow up with Darn Tough. Sarah will follow up with Town Manager regarding submission of the VTrans Grant letter.

GMT Proposed Changes:
Plans to get out information about the changes were made, including posting to FPF, FB and emails. Gail and Sarah each plan to attend one of the forums (July 9 and 10) and will be able to offer carpooling to interested bus commuters or others.

Other Transportation issues:
How should we connect with Roxbury and Berlin regarding public transportation efforts/outreach? Sarah will reach out to the Stagecoach to get more information on their current routes and other details that may inform further discussion/action for Northfield based options.
Are we still interested in holding an event for bus commuters? What would work best for days/times given that many people may not have transportation? No decisions on this item and we will continue consideration at future meetings.
 - c. **Town Energy audit efforts to begin:**

We are in early stages – beginning to figure out more steps and connect with Efficiency VT regarding what may have already been done.
6. **Public Participation (Unscheduled):** None
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM