

Northfield Energy Committee

September 17, 2019

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

Guest: Ted Fisher

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

Welcome to Ted Fisher, who the committee will propose to the select board as the replacement for Nick Laskovski.

Proposed 2020 Budget: Review and discussion of the draft budget prepared by Sarah. The consensus was to increase the request. Sarah will revise and circulate.

Transportation:

Jane gave a brief overview of the follow-up phone call with Deb Sachs from Go!Vermont. In spite of some technical difficulties Jane and Denise did get familiar with the app.

Discussion on how we can promote a volunteer driver program via the app. Denise offered to draft something about the app usage to post on FPF.

The transportation survey was discussed with some ideas for distribution. Jane will draft and circulate to the committee.

November 4-8 was set for our "Sustainable Transportation Week". Specific events will be set at future meetings. The focus will be broader than it was in the "Bus to Work Week".

The Hitching Post idea is still under consideration. It seems that the next step may be getting approval for installing the post. Jane will invite Lydia Petty from Common Connections to attend our next meeting to discuss in further detail.

We have learned that Darn Tough is working on establishing a van pool for employees.

EV Charging Station: Sarah is still investigating details. It will be a level 2 charger with 2 ports, but the specific location it will be installed is unknown.

E-bikes research continues.

Button Up: Discussion regarding other community events we may be able to tag onto. Decisions will be made at a future meeting. Our event needs to happen between September 23 and early November.

The next meeting is October 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Jane will check on availability at Norwich for a room for meetings October – May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise MacMartin
NEC Secretary