

## Northfield Energy Committee

**October 1, 2019**

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

Guests: Ted Fisher, Lydia Petty

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

Minutes from the previous two meetings were approved (September 17, 2019 and September 3, 2019).

**The Hitching Post:** Lydia Petty from Common Connections joined us for a discussion on the Hitching Post project. Jane shared details of what she's learned so far. Locations for the HP were discussed, as well as funding. The select board will need to be on board for this project so information will be shared with them at our October 8 appearance at the SB meeting. Lydia volunteered to prepare a packet for the select board members to preview after more discussion between Jane and Phoenix (HP founder). Further questions we have: Can we fundraise for part of the cost? Can we use some of our VTRANS grant for the funding? Can more than one business be involved in selling and redeeming the coffee chips?

**Kiosk Update:** Gail gave an update on the work that Norwich, NEC, and NCDN have done on exploring design and possibilities for a kiosk that would have space for general information and serve as a transportation (bus) shelter. NU has applied for a grant and is searching other grant possibilities. Norwich wants to schedule a meeting with other stakeholders as the next step in planning.

**Budget Review:** Sarah will continue to fine tune the budget.

**Button Up:** Event at Good Measure on Wednesday, October 9. Posters will be sent to Denise for printing and putting up around town. Other publicity will be done through FB and FPF.

**Survey:** The transportation survey will undergo further revision by Jane and Sarah and be distributed for members to review again before use.

**Sustainable Transportation Week:** This event will cover more than bus ridership – we'll offer information on coffee pooling, E-bikes, EVs, the VTrans app. Sarah will check to see if we can kick off the week at the Farmers' Market on November 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise MacMartin  
NEC Secretary