

Northfield Energy Committee

October 15, 2019

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

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

Welcome to Ted, who was approved to be an official NEC member by the Select Board at their October 8, 2019 meeting.

Minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting were approved

The Hitching Post: NEC will present more information to the Select Board at their next meeting (October 22). HP founder and coordinator, Phoenix, will also be there. Hunger Mountain Co-op is putting in a Hitching Post. The coffee coins have proven somewhat problematic and will probably not continue but the concept does not depend on that aspect.

VTrans Grant: Discussion on how we want to use the grant. We will check to see if we can “obligate” the \$500.00 for the kiosk, or if we need to actually spend it within 6 months of receipt.

Kiosk Update: Gail gave an update on the kiosk plans. She continues to work with NU to integrate information about Northfield and transportation options into the featured articles/announcements that will be presented in the structure. More updates will be available after the next meeting with Norwich and other stakeholders. When a budget and design are further developed Norwich will present the plan to the Select Board.

Budget Review: Sarah will check to find out when our budget request is due.

Button Up: The event at Good Measure satisfied our obligation for this year. We’ll continue to offer information at events and in social media. The event attendance was satisfactory and many good conversations took place.

Survey: Sarah will do another revision and circulate for comments, with an anticipated launch date of Monday, October 21. The survey will run until just before Thanksgiving. Ted will procure a (donated) gift for the drawing.

Sustainable Transportation Week: The decision was made to postpone this event until we have more lead time for planning. The week of March 1, 2020 was tentatively selected. Jane will check with the Farmers’ Market to see if we can hold the Transportation Fair at the March 1 market. Sarah will follow-up with vendors who were previously onboard for a November event. Denise will check on having a table outside the voting area on March 3. Other ideas included a day of bus-riding and focus on the bus, perhaps having a “ride the bus for free” day. Gail will reach out to GMT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise MacMartin
NEC Secretary