

# Northfield Energy Committee

**August 18, 2020**

**Present:** NEC Members: Sarah Wolfe, Denise MacMartin, Gail Hall, Ted Fisher (via Google Meet)

Public Participants: Bob Keeley

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Sarah Wolfe.

Minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Volunteer Members (or Non-appointed Member):** Bob was invited by Ted to become what we are calling “volunteer members”. These are interested individuals who want to participate actively in NEC activities and events, but who do not hold a formal role through our structure and are not voting members. Bob introduced himself and was welcomed to the group.

**Kiosk Update:**

Gail gave an update on the status of the contract that was reviewed by the Town Manager. The next step is to work with Norwich for their formal agreement to the contract. Norwich wants to start with the initial building this fall by pouring the foundation. There have been some responses to Gail’s Front Porch Forum posting regarding funding. It was agreed that we would direct donors to send funds to the town treasurer to keep in our account.

**Button Up:**

The kick-off will be happening September 2 (virtually). Northfield has been approved as a participating town. Events this year will be virtual and we will publicize those as they near. There will also be virtual home visits for energy audits.

**GMT:**

Sarah spoke with Jen Wood from GMT and got an update on bus ridership during Covid 19. While ridership is down there are still people taking the bus on a regular basis. GMT continues to operate fare-free and has safety precautions in place. Currently they plan to propose level funding for this coming year.

**Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission:**

Central VTRPC has compiled data and a one-page summary for each town may be forthcoming.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020, via Google Meet.

Meeting adjourned (virtually) at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise MacMartin, NEC Secretary