

**Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting**  
**February 12, 2014, 8:30 – 10:00**  
**Town Hall, Hanover, NH**  
**Next Meeting: March 19, 2014**  
**8:30 – 10:00 @ Town Hall**

Attendees: David McManus (Chair), Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works Director), Lyn Miller (Recorder), Yolanda Baumgartner, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Susan Edwards, Chris Kennedy

Guest: Allison Furbish

**Action Items**

- Chris Kennedy: Get input on the best date and time for our **Spring 2014 retreat** (May).
- David McManus: Find out if PUC knows how much energy is generated from Solar currently.
- Julia Griffin: Will find out what the assessing community's current thinking is about gathering information about residential alternative fuel and weatherization use.
- Lyn Miller: Convene **SCH Master Plan study group** in early March.
- Lyn Miller: Check in with RMS teachers to see what alternative participation strategies might work for meetings (Skype, etc.)
- Yolanda Baumgartner: Set up meetings with **Green Power Community partners** (Dartmouth, Hypertherm, Kendall, Dartmouth Printing for early March.
- Yolanda Baumgartner: Contact Carolyn Frye re. recycling at Prouty; Investigate a town 'cheat sheet' for managing recycling at events.

**March Agenda Items from February Meeting**

- Textile Recycling Program – Susan [MARCH]
- Meeting Time: Move to 8am start to include SAU70 participants– Lyn [MARCH]

**Discussion**

- (1) Approval of January Minutes
- (2) Allison Furbish (Vital Communities) – Solarize Upper Valley
  - a. Vital Communities is overseeing the first Solarize project in Northern New England and is serving as a model for implementing this kind of project in a rural area.
    - i. Two year project with 4 rounds of RFP's. Staged implementation.
    - ii. How can solarize become part of the Upper Valley Culture?
      1. Focus on PV, not Hot Water
      2. Efficiency an additional part of the conversation
  - b. Current communities: Strafford/Thetford, Lyme, Cornish & Plainfield (March Launch)
  - c. Installers: Feb. 27 Installer interview day (communities have a choice); RFPs on web
  - d. Goals:
    - i. Different installers for different towns so that during the initial implementation companies can adapt to increased demand.
    - ii. Double residential solar in each community (Plainfield currently has 70 systems) with contracts signed within 6 months of launch.
    - iii. Vital Communities supports individualized outreach in each town, providing centralized resources and access to technical experts.
  - e. Structure:

- i. Pricing: Tiered pricing structure based on volume – The more that sign on, price goes down.
      - ii. Marketing: listservs, VOX at Dartmouth, etc. Company connections as well.
    - f. Questions:
      - i. For 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Towns: Can the systems be installed in the winter?
      - ii. What is the status of the NH incentive program?
      - iii. What about Group Net Metering? [Webinar Weds. Feb. 19]
      - iv. Are there unintended consequences if there is greater capacity than demand? Is there a threshold?
- (3) Green Power Community Update:
- a. Peter K & Julia: Great presentation to the Selectboard. Moving forward - Waiting for the invoice. Renewable Choice – application to the EPA.
  - b. Do we know current individual capacity? Currently information is on paper and is not recorded electronically or in an easily accessible manner.
    - i. What is the assessing community's current thinking about gathering information at individual properties?
  - c. Yolanda: With the Board's blessing, we can now say we are on good footing and are serious about becoming a Green Power Community. Can we make 20% Green Power as a community?
    - i. Whole Community uses 135 million**
    - ii. 20% = 27 million (8 from hypertherm + 3 for town = 8%)**
    - iii. 16 million remaining: Can we make it to 20% with Dartmouth, Dartmouth printing, Co-op? Like a Fundraising campaign – we already have starter commitments – join the party!**
    - iv. If we have 20% from organizations, can we get the remaining 5% from residents to achieve 25%?**
    - v. 2014: Year of Energy - Green Power Hanover (RECs and big players) & then Solarize to inspire resident participation.
- (4) Larry Litten: Question of the greenhouse remains in discussion. Where would be the best location? Why doesn't the High School go ahead and serve as a transitional space?
- a. Do we want to rally around a greenhouse/Energy/Sustainability Park at the Water Treatment plant?
- (5) Master Plan: Planning Board needs two alternates...
- a. Chris Kennedy: Current discussion about lot coverage limits creative thinking: Height restrictions inspires flat roofs – not visually pleasing, unless Green Roofs are promoted and part of the zoning regulations. Have all the neighborhoods spoken out about it?
  - b. Master plan study group : We need to be an active participant in the next Master Planning process. How can we make sure we are addressing the assumptions about McMansions or Workforce housing and the realities of our time?
    - i. Challenge: Lights controversy b/c we don't have neighborhood organizations and we don't have organization.
  - c. Study Group : Read Current Master Plan & Discuss findings at SHC Retreat**
    - i. Invite a Selectboard Member & a Planning Board member to join the conversation - Nancy Carter
    - ii. SHC Members on Committee: Lyn (Chair) & Chris K, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Susan, and maybe Marjorie. [What about Julia or Peter?]

- iii. Goal: Understanding Overarching Direction and themes of the current plan (Village concept, for example). What are the key issues we want to make sure are included in the next plan so that they have real impact on daily operations?
- d. Yolanda: PaddlePower – Suggested Youth in Action & Dartmouth for potential volunteers.
  - i. What about No Waste, Low Waste events in Hanover?
    - 1. Cheat Sheet – Guidance & Structure for event organizers that is part of the application process.
    - 2. Contact Carolyn Frye – in charge for the Prouty.
- e. Chris K: Upcoming Events
  - i. Local Energy Solutions Conference April 12<sup>th</sup> (Chris K will go)
  - ii. SERG on April 30<sup>th</sup> (Lyn) (Quick Summary);

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyn Swett Miller