

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 17, 2015

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair).

### **To-dos from the meeting**

**Julia** will send out an e-mail to Solarize Hanover participants asking for comments on the process and will aggregate the responses and convey them to Energy Emporium. She will update the EPA on our green energy status. She will prepare a press release on the Green Power Challenge results and our Green Power Community status. She will contact Jenna Musco and tell her that we need a commitment on the community yard sale by Dartmouth by July 15.

**Peter** will explore the cost of the town committing to 100% renewable energy.

### **Meeting**

#### Agenda

Solarize Hanover update  
Green Power Challenge Update  
2015 Community Yard Sale  
Greenhouse at HHS

#### Solarize Hanover

Kim Quirk's report was read to the committee. Committee members reported some unsatisfactory experiences with the way the process was playing out in some instances. Julia will send out an e-mail to participants asking for comments on the process and will aggregate the responses and convey them to Energy Emporium.

#### Green Power Challenge

Two thirds of the 384 sign-ups are from Hanover, including some multiple-unit apartment complexes. We need to calculate how this program affects our renewable energy levels with respect to EPA Green Power Community status. We shall wait until the renewal period for present participants to open the program to additional participants. We shall distribute a press release on this program.

We shall focus now on our Green Power Partners (Hypertherm and the Coop have renewed; Kendal and Dartmouth Printing have not; SAU 70 has joined at 100% renewable) and on energy conservation.

### Town Solar Initiative

Julia and Peter reported that they are exploring a town solar array at the water treatment facility, which might be bond-funded or funded from reserves. They will also explore purchasing 100% green power instead of the 20% to which we are presently committed.

Exploration of a community solar farm will wait until net-metering issues are resolved at the state level.

### 2015 Community Yard Sale

Dartmouth has not confirmed that they are willing to partner in a yard sale this year. Julia will contact Jenna Musco and tell her that we need a commitment by July 15. Lacking such a commitment, we shall cancel the sale.

### Greenhouse at HHS

Larry reported that a temporary greenhouse, funded by the Hanover Garden Club and the Friends of the Hanover and Norwich Schools, is being constructed at the high school. The Byrne Foundation has sent an initial check that will fund a part-time sustainability coordinator and greenhouse manager at the school. The SHC should think about how to engage with the sustainability program at the school and how to renew a school presence on the SHC.

### SHC retreat

The committee will have a review/planning retreat on July 15, 8:30-11:30 at Susan Edwards' house.

Prepared by Larry Litten.