

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015

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

To-dos from the meeting

The Committee will produce content for a green power marketing campaign after members read the report from the Dartmouth Consulting Group.

Julia will have the marketing materials for our green power initiative produced when the content is ready. She will explore with Liberty the possibility of providing a price break on LEDs and/or free LEDs as part of the green power initiative.

Yolanda will get further information from ENH about pricing and timing.

David will talk to Bob Walker about energy conservation workshop and audits.

Peter is exploring the possibility of a solar garden (a variant on a power purchase agreement).

Agenda

Approve Feb Minutes

Solarize Update

Green Power Community REC renewal

ENH green power program development/Dartmouth Consulting presentation

Recycling check in

Community Solar possibilities

Master Plan check in

Meeting

Larry provided an update on the Garden Club/High School greenhouse project. The organizations are still waiting to hear about a grant proposal to the Byrne Foundation for funding for a sustainability-resource-person/greenhouse-manager. The school is working on permitting for a temporary greenhouse where the school's program will be developed and the relationships between the three greenhouse users (the club, the school and the town) will be worked out.

David read a report from Kim Quirk on the Solarize Hanover project. All rebates that have been requested have been granted. Seven of the 16 town permit requests have been granted. Some of the requests for DES approvals need more work.

The committee decided to pass on a follow-up letter to residents who expressed an interest in Solarize Hanover who did not sign up with the program that has been proposed by Vital Communities. Instead we shall concentrate on our green power initiative and a weatherization/energy-conservation initiative.

Yolanda reported on the study by Dartmouth Consulting Group (students) on the implementation of a green power initiative (later Julia gave copies of the report to everyone). The group consulted with myriad resources and presented recommendations for messaging, distribution, and pricing. The Committee will market the program in late April or May, including a public meeting that involves Liberty Utilities and ENH. This may be combined with an energy-saving workshop, or the latter may be offered in the fall.

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The February minutes were approved.

Prepared by Larry Litten.