

Town of Coventry
Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting



Meeting: March 11, 2020

Location: Department of Public Works

Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Kristine Dennis,

Members Absent: Jesse Hayes, Cameron Croutch, Mark Keifer

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum, so unable to approve the minutes from January or February.

Old Business:

Facebook Page- Still looking into opening this up and starting it but would need significant assistance from Committee to back it a reality. No change.

Committee Budget- \$200 for 2020.

Home energy audit providers- Kristine reached out, looking at options still and waiting to hear back on offers. Kristine to send follow up emails and report out at next meeting.

School recycling and composting project- No update.

Debating continuing the compost bin program-We may need to submit this to the Town Council. Order about 24 bins, sell them to anyone at the market at cost. Committee can participate at multiple events. Still deciding on this, but we may be able to help sell them at a couple Farmer's markets in the summer.

School Building Committee Meeting- Jenn attended on February 6, 2020. They are going out to bid on some projects for the schools.

Solar light at DPW- The light still does not work. We may have a connection to an electrical wholesaler that can take a look at the light but Mark was not present to provide an update.

EV charging stations in town- CPACE program is a program for businesses where after doing some projects the program will provide up to 3 charging stations. We are trying to get solar carports at the schools and this would be a good opportunity if we can be eligible to get additional carports for low or no cost. LRECs and ZRECs are going out next month.

Committee generated energy related monthly announcement for the schools- Committee to see if this is something we can send electronically within an already existing template the school sends out. Topics considered: Focus on the benefits of green cleaning products, green yardwork (pesticides, or natural plants, etc.), Coventry's Buy Nothing page- Can gift/donate items rather

than throwing them away, ways to reduce junk mail, Amazon delivery option to send items together in one package, holiday sustainable practices.

Farmers Market Going Green event-

- We are scheduled for June 14, 2020.
- Jenn drafted invitations for vendors and other towns to come help. Committee reviewed and these will go out to distribution lists. Jenn to send out first week of April with an RSVP by the end of April.
- Recruiting car dealerships- Cameron has made great progress in working with potential dealerships. Committee will reach out to see where his progress is.
- Ride and Drive Route- We have a potential route planned out. Committee will finalize.
- Do we invite the local EV club to showcase vehicles as well? Depending on space.
- Kristine will look into an EV kids' display for the event.
- Committee will also look into liability and insurance protections for the ride and drive event. Will send to the town for approval.
- Once the Farmer's Market people put together the new paperwork for 2020 they will send it.
- Committee to research vendors for the event. Come up with more vendors.
- Clean Cities will provide an EV educational booth.
- Should we look into shirts for the Farmer's Market so Committee Members can be identified. Coventry Energy Committee written on the front, dark green color.

The town is starting an electric bid for locking in rates for town buildings. Town has locked in oil and diesel so far, and is still waiting on natural gas to come down before locking that in. No update.

New Business: Nothing new to report

Business on Hold:

Holiday recycling tabling event. The Committee will look into ways to display information around town to inform residents about proper recycling habits over the holidays. This project is on hold until later into 2020.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2020 depending on pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Dennis
Secretary