



Town of Coventry
Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting

Meeting: May 6, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting due to Covid-19

Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Kristine Dennis, Cameron Croutch

Members Absent: Jesse Hayes, Mark Kiefer

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Jenn made a motion to accept the minutes from January, February, March, and April. Kristine seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

Farmers Market- Farmer's Market has cancelled the programming for the season due to COVID-19. So, the Energy Committee will not be able to hold our Going Green event this year. Jenn has reached out to several contacts that had expressed an interest in participating to let them know the event has been cancelled. Cameron will reach out to inform the car dealerships he has been working with, that the event has been cancelled.

The Committee will work on refocusing efforts on coming up with newsletter ideas for the school newsletter and/or the town newsletter that focus on energy efficiency topics. Possible topics for submission include: 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 trick to limit packaging, Holiday friendly items.

The Committee also discussed generating Facebook messaging centered around Energy Efficiency and COVID. Ie. how to be energy efficient while working at home? Members had seen threads about this on Eversource's webpage and through the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). Cameron is going to research ideas and present them at the next meeting.

Home energy audits- Kristine working on contracting a company to provide this service, so we can advertise this to town residents before the fall and winter months. Kristine to come up with 1-3 options for the June meeting, vendor should be on the list of preferred vendors for the town.

LRECs and ZRECs are opening up. We initially thought we were applying for more EV chargers. Jenn will follow up with the Town Manager to see if that is still the plan.

School building committee: Jenn reported that proposals for a new HVAC systems are being reviewed and there will be a special meeting to address the bids that come in (TBD).

New Business:

Jenn mentioned that many of the regional energy task forces are meeting via ZOOM so she hopes to participate in a few to see and learn about other innovating ideas that other task forces are promoting.

Next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2020. This will also be a virtual meeting and Jenn will send out a ZOOM invite.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Dennis
Secretary