



Town of Coventry
Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting

Meeting: June 2, 2021

Location: Virtual Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Kristine Dennis, Caroline Davis

Members Absent: Cameron Crutch, Bill Watkins, Bill Glenney, Wayne Daignault

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

Approval of the minutes: Jenn moved to accept the May minutes; Kristine seconded. All voted in favor.

Old business:

Farmers Market- Jenn put together a Dropbox folder for all the documents and information for the Going Green event. The August 29th date has been confirmed by the Farmers Market staff. The Committee is reviewing the current vendor list and will look to see if there are additional contacts that we can add to the list. The goal is to send an email, in late June to all the contacts on the vendor list inviting them to the Farmers Market event. Jenn will be the point person on sending out the email to the vendors and tracking who is interested in participating. Jenn plans to circle back with Wayne to confirm if Eversource volunteered to provide materials and/or attend the event in person. The committee will also work on creating displays for the event focusing on energy and sustainability. Jenn is going to look through materials stored at the DPW to see what/if we can reuse displays from previous years. Caroline volunteered to research kid friendly sustainability/energy efficiency trivia questions for the event and also to reach out to Auer farms about materials they may have available for the event. Jenn reminded members that if they had a particular topic they were interested in making a display for to begin researching the topic now so that materials are ready for the event.

Microgrid plan- The project is still moving forward and we're working through financing now. The town is also interested and actively pursuing getting additional funding for this project through federal sources.

Police department- The town purchased another Hybrid police vehicle which will help reduce fuel costs for the police department/town.

Composting bins- Still looking into whether or not we will have additional composting bins for the Going Green Event. Bill wasn't present to provide an update to the Committee on this.

Electric mower demo- The town test drove the electric mower but opted not to move forward with the purchase at this time due to the cost. They will continue to evaluate opportunities for purchasing in the future.

Getting our message out- Cameron wasn't present to provide an update on community outreach so we will have to revisit this topic next month. Is it possible to coordinate Facebook posts or info graphs that can be shared with the community? Cameron is going to try and come up with some ideas to present to the committee.

New Business: NA

Committee will hold a special meeting on June 30, 2021 to touch base on progress for the Going Green event, and there will be no meeting in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Dennis
Secretary