MINUTES
July 16, 2020  7:00  pm
Location: Zoom

Members Present: Rozanna Patane, Harry Mussman, Liz Kinzly, Susan Covino, Len Loomans, Gerry Runte, Wayne Boardman
Guests present: Nan Graves, Anastasia Hediger, Bob Brisebois, Cameron Runte, Christine Seibert, Mac McAbee, Michelle Marean


2. Guest: remote: Anastasia Hediger, Efficiency Maine
   Transportation sector largest GHG contributor in state. Goal of 1,500 new EVs. VW settlement, $3 mill to EM for EV rebates (buy or lease, new), instant @ most franchised dealerships. $7,500 back for governments. Charger locator tool. Creating EV corridors & level 2 chargers for workplaces/hotels etc. Anastasia will connect with Gerry on details of second-round grants.

3. Old Business
   a. Gerry – Solar Project and EV project updates
      i. Solar Project @ Witchtrot: Town is authorized to lease it based on vote. Gerry re-wrote & simplified the RFP—a lease, with just enough details to evaluate PPA options. Dean waiting on August meeting to prioritize projects & funding. Nan will try and bump it up because it doesn’t require funds. Needs review by town attorney. Project will require a CMP review; want to get in that queue.
      ii. EV chargers: Paused for historical board review, then everything stopped. Library and town withdrew their funds for project, and library told EM that they are turning it down. However, money is not committed elsewhere so Gerry is working with the developer to cut back costs. Between grant and non-networked (NN) charger might be able to be done without upfront capital, but that means library pays use not consumer. KWH aren’t high but might impact demand charge. $37k networked, simplified one for $5-8k (one unit, two plugs). Doesn’t preclude getting a networked one later. Nan & Ro would like cost estimates—one with a demand charge increase and one without. Issue with giving free electric to those who can afford an EV? Minimum for networked would be $17k, minus $5k EM incentive. Networked means it’s paid for by consumer and ppl can find if it’s in use on an app. NN means it’s free to consumer. Could it be arranged like a PPA? Companies do something like this, but they do level 3 ones. An individual? Len will look into options.

   b. Susan – Streetlight post-mortem report
      i. Draft: overview of work performed, final costs and savings, and tied back to the
York Energy Chapter. Hoping to get a comment from Dean.

c. Christine – BOS infographic approval (vote)
   i. Infographic—edits suggested (include HDD, update final numbers and “tasks accomplished” section)
   ii. Other tasks accomplished: Data submitted to GCoM, FY20 inventory underway, webpage updated, LOI to two grants (plus two in the wings), Goodwill doing a video about VISTA & the CAP
   iii. Look into grants for EVs if it doesn’t interfere with EM’s grant—Gerry

4. New Business
   a. Rozanna – Climate Council update
      i. Buildings working group has finished its work. Now in the hands of the steering committee itself.
   b. Cam – Social Media Climate Challenge
      i. Started a lot of great conversations, increased visibility & normalizing of sustainability. Gift cards for participants sent out.
   c. Discussion (Rozanna) – Next steps given vote outcomes
      i. 3/4 items passed, Sustainability Coordinator position did not (80 votes). Try again next year. Being near the regional coordinator on the ballot might have confused people. Need to solidify doing plans in parallel—some want to delay the CAP. Civic Moxie might be able to help push it. May become clear that we need someone to oversee it to not overwhelm Dean. Might merge CAP & Comp duties, need to be careful it doesn’t lose the focus/urgency it needs. CAP, Comp, and SC position might all be delayed to next June. Whole process is at risk without a SC person accountable to Steve. Need to get a position put in the next budget (September). Concerns over property taxes, two upcoming receipts. Wildcard with state funds.
      ii. Rozanna is scheduling an ESC team development meeting for the transition. Will need to be in time for budget cycle (in August, likely).
   d. Future agendas
      i. August: Guest speaker Adam Frederick

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