

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
July 25, 2019 7:00 pm

Location: York Library Wheeler Room

Attendees:

Rozanna Patane, Stephen Kosacz, Gerry Runte, Harry Mussman, Liz Kinzly. guests: Bob Brisebois, James Kences, Debby Ronquist

Agenda

1. Minutes of June 20th meeting approved

2. July 29 BOS action on ESC's 3 Recommendations

* Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (ICLEI partnership)

<http://icleiusa.org/programs/leadership-campaigns/compact-of-mayors/>

www.Globalcovenantofmayors.org

* All cities and towns in the world may take part in the Covenant of Mayors. Upon making an initial pledge to the Covenant, cities will receive an official "Covenant of Mayors" seal, which may then be displayed publicly on web and print materials. Cities then have up to three years to meet a series of requirements to fully comply, including greenhouse gas (GHG) measurement and target setting—culminating in creating a full climate action and adaptation plan.

* The committee discussed the recommendation to the BOS from Steve Burns to join the Global Covenant of Mayors, the first of three recommendations the ESC made to the Board. Steve will put the second and third recommendations on the Board's agenda in October. It was decided that the ESC will support making the pledge to the Covenant for now, and work to achieve the second two action steps later. There was n process, but Rozanna and the group thought that we may be able to secure \$10,000 for pre-planning from the BOS.

* We discussed the possibility of having a citizen's initiative to help raise awareness and money to meet the mitigation and adaptation goals.

* New VISTA volunteer Christine Seibert begins September 2nd. Christine will update the emissions inventory that Lucy Brennan established, using ICLEI's Clearpath system for the data that will need to be reported in the Global Covenant reporting system.

3. The Solar Joint Committee Update – Gerry.

* The state solar bill passed; it allows projects up to 5 MW and is an alternative to net metering (expected cost 13.5 cents per kW).

* Now that it is possible to build larger projects, we talked again about some of the possible sites in York – Witchtrot (1.3 Mw), Sewalls Pasture (4.4 Mw). Gerry has spoken to Revision, and is waiting to hear from Ameresco & Eitri Foundry. Sewalls may provide all that we need for the municipal load, leaving the Witchtrot Rd site for a possible community solar farm with capacity set-aside to provide free electricity for low-income families.

4. LED Streetlight Update - RP

The Board of Selectmen will officially award RealTerm Energy's contract at their July 29, 2019 meeting. They will have a final go/nogo vote after an IGA (Investment Grade Audit) is completed. Work should start within a few weeks of the contract award.

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Respectfully submitted, Liz Kinzly