

Renewable Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committee (RESAC) – Town of Yarmouth

Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 9, 2019

Present:

Committee Members

Toby Ahrens
Heather Abbot
Scott Sherriff
David Ertz
Kurt Adams
David Craig

Town Council Members

April Humphrey

Town Employees

(none)

Public

Votes & Decisions:

Minutes from previous meeting approved with edits 6-0 (Chuck Parker and Mike Sears absent).

Commitments Made:

- Heather to finalize plans for Oct showing of movie Reinventing Power at the Yarmouth Library.
- David will continue to make progress on locations and logistical considerations for a potential community solar installation.
- David and Kurt to work together on scoping liabilities of VRAP program with respect to Pole Yard.
- David Craig to reach out to Nat to reach out to neighboring towns to look into joint solar projects outside of Yarmouth borders.
- Toby will continue to stay up to date on building committee energy efficiency considerations. Toby to ask about solar potential on roofs. David could facilitate with Revision for preliminary estimates if needed.
- Toby to contact library for Get Pumped Heat Pump Education Event, Toby to follow up with Chuck to get his vendor friend on board
- Scott to work with Chamber to advertise the Efficiency Maine RFP for Level 2 EV charging stations in its weekly newsletter
- Heather will continue facilitating RESAC column for the quarterly town newsletter.
- Chuck will continue to work with Window Dressers.
- Next meeting is Nov 13th

Meeting Notes:

- Heather having trouble lining up a speaker for Oct showing of movie Reinventing Power. Heather will reach back out to Denny Gallaudet. April also offered to help reach out to Friends school if needed.
- Heather's presentation to Town Council Ops mtg went well. They were very supportive and open to the idea of supporting RESAC with a Town liaison and staff support. Town Council will appoint someone in an upcoming meeting. The Town Council suggested alternative name for our committee if we want, needed by next week (email Heather and/or Nat).

- Solar update: David looked into the history of communication between the Town of Yarmouth and CMP regarding the CMP-owned pole yard (Brownfield site). He discussed the potential application of the VRAP program and scoping liabilities. May need a third party to take the lead on project to leverage VRAP. David Craig to reach out to Nat to reach out to neighboring towns to look into joint solar projects outside of Yarmouth borders.
- Toby gave an update on a November heat pump meeting. Nov 13 or 20 are the two best options. We agreed to shoot for the 13th if Chuck Parker's contact is available.
- Toby gave update on a meeting introducing RESAC to the Chamber of Commerce (Adrienne Nardi and Mark Barbalias).
- Scott gave update on EV grants including: VW grants administered by Efficiency Maine and recent RFP for charging stations (grants up to \$5k, applications for EV charging stations due Nov 12th); EV accelerator rebates (\$1-\$2k).