

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2019

Present:

Committee Members

Heather Abbot
Toby Ahrens
Scott Sheriff
David Ertz
Lianne Mitchell

Town Council Members

April Humphrey

Town Employees

(none)

Public

Deborah Delp

Votes & Decisions:

- Minutes from previous meeting: Approved (4-0; Paul Faulstich and Scott Sherriff not present at time of vote).

Commitments Made:

- Heather will reach out to Nat Tupper to request time at a Town Council Operations Meeting to update the Town Council on our actions to date as well as future priorities. The requested date will be after our next meeting. Content of the update will be discussed at our next meeting.
- Toby will continue to stay up to date on building committee energy efficiency considerations. Toby will contact Superintendent Dolloff to request baseline and future energy use estimates at Yarmouth schools.
- David will continue to make progress on locations and logistical considerations for a potential community solar installation.
- Heather will look into resources and locations for EV charging stations.
- Leanne will begin to draft an education/outreach document building on previous YES-led efforts as well as materials from Falmouth.
- Scott will reach out to Cumberland’s sustainability contacts to request a copy of their energy baseline.
- Next meeting is May 8th

Meeting Notes:

- Heather briefly mentioned that the proposal to join the municipal coalition that was not approved by the Town Council. Discussion was pushed to next meeting when Richard Plourde can participate as well.
- Toby provided a brief overview of Yarmouth’s 2007 GHG baseline
- Scott and Heather reviewed a mission statement for RESAC
- David reviewed potential sites for a community solar installation
- April presented an overview of past solarization initiatives in Yarmouth
- Toby updated the Committee on building committees’ efforts to include energy efficiency considerations

- Education and outreach activities were discussed, and Deborah recommended including simple, cheap, and impactful actions that community members can make, such as programable thermostats. Such actions can also help engage community members in a meaningful way, and the Committee was in agreement.