

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

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Aug 14, 2019

**Present:**

| <u>Committee Members</u>  | <u>Town Council Members</u> | <u>Town Employees</u> | <u>Public</u> |
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| Toby Ahrens<br>Chuck Parker<br>David Craig<br>Heather Abbot<br>Scott Sherriff<br>Lianne Mitchell (late) | April Humphrey              | (none)                | (none)        |

**Votes & Decisions:**

- Minutes from two previous meetings approved 4-0 (David Craig abstained; Lianne Mitchell, Kurt Adams, David Ertz not present).

**Commitments Made:**

- Heather to finalize plans for Sept movie showing
- David will continue to make progress on locations and logistical considerations for a potential community solar installation.
- Toby will continue to stay up to date on building committee energy efficiency considerations.
- Heather will continue working on a draft RESAC column for the quarterly town newsletter.
- Chuck will continue to work with Window Dressers.
- Toby to reach out to Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce.
- Toby and Scott to draft presentation for RESAC update to Town Council Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Ops Mtg
- Next meeting is Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Notes:**

- David Craig and Kurt Adams welcomed to the committee (though Kurt was not present).
- Heather provided an update on the Sierra Club Climate Change movie showing (Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Merrill Memorial Library, will reach out to Denny Gallaudet or an alternative from Sierra Club to speak. Advertising plans include Town facebook page, flyers in library and some other locations.
- Heather: Flyer in newsletter soon.
- Lianne Mitchell is resigning from RESAC. Thank you for your time this year, Lianne – you will be missed!
- Toby provided a brief update on energy efficiency considerations in the school additions and public safety building.
- Toby will reach out to the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce. Possibilities include energy efficient business spotlight, community events focused on business owner opportunities to reduce energy costs, etc. Adrienne may have ideas of additional opportunities through the Board of Economic Development.

- Update to Town Council: Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 15-20min, Scott and Toby will draft prior to next meeting for RESAC to review.
- David provided updates on the Municipal Solar efforts (by email).
- Tri-Town EV event on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Committee discussed a potential October community education event (library?) focused on energy efficiency going into the winter. Heat pumps (Chuck has a good contact) and other efficiency measures (Efficiency Maine?) could be the focus.