



Stowe Energy Committee July 25, 2024

Present:

Catherine Crawley, Robi Artman-Hodge, Elizabeth Soper, Cap Chenoweth, Andrew Rianhard

Absent: Marina Meerburg

Attendees:

Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, Public Works Director Harry Shepard, Planning and Zoning Director Sarah McShane, Jared Rodriguez (Community Decarbonization Partners), Meghan Rodier (LCPC), Alberto Della Torre (LCPC), Tori Hellwig (LCPC), Michael Lazorchak (SED)

Call to Order

Chair Catherine Crawley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Review & Approve Minutes

Robi Artman-Hodge moved to approve the June 27 minutes with typos corrected, Cap Chenoweth seconded. Catherine Crawley abstained. Motion carried.

Introduction to Thermal Energy Networks

Jared Rodriguez of Community Decarbonization Partners gave a presentation on thermal energy networks. The Energy Committee discussed the viability of thermal energy networks in Stowe. They agreed to continue exploring the prospect of thermal energy networks in Stowe and to hold a community meeting on the subject in the coming months.

Presentation available at: <https://www.townofstowevt.org/energycommittee>

Town EV Charging Infrastructure

Michael Lazorchak provided updates on EV charging stations. He said the Electric Commission is in favor of moving the EV fast charging station currently located at The Alchemist to a location owned by SED or the Town of Stowe, though he acknowledges the location would likely be a Town-owned property. He said SED would fund the cost of relocation, including staff time. He added that the fast charger is slated to be removed from The Alchemist within the next 2-3 weeks and would be in storage until it is reinstalled in another location. The Energy Committee agreed to present a recommendation to the Selectboard in September and to discuss the recommendation at their August 22 meeting.

Town Plan Discussion & Energy Priorities

The Energy Committee reviewed the Energy Section of the Town Plan alongside Meghan Rodier and Michael Lazorchak, who provided and explained comments and edits to the draft Stowe Energy Plan. No action taken at this time.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Crawley adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.