

Peacham Energy Committee

Minutes: September 9, 2019

Present:

Jock Gill, Bruce Westcott, Mary Daly, Tom Bryer, Daniel OBrien, Morgan Gold, Dave Edwards

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Approval of August 2019

No correspondence to review.

No public input to review.

No additions to agenda.

No old business pending.

A motion to approve the Energy Committee Mission statement was made by Jock and seconded by Tom Bryer with the addition of an edit to include the Planning Commission in the last sentence. Amended Mission Statement:

PEACHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

“The Peacham Energy Committee’s mission is to promote the sustainable use of energy resources in our town through research, education and awareness efforts. Our mandate is to analyze current energy use, identify opportunities for usage reduction, and evaluate benefits of emerging technologies. Additionally, we will develop strategies to maximize public benefits of energy production, storage, consumption and distribution using secure affordable energy supplies. The committee will present analysis and recommendations to the Planning Commission and select board for their consideration”.

A brief discussion on the CO2 affect of using various energy sources including wood and what “renewable” means environmentally served to remind the committee how complex these issue are and the need to focus on specific tasks.

Jock reported that the town plan was approved and with it changes to the definition of village center which defines areas of economic activity. The Energy Committee made note of this update as this could have ramifications for future energy infrastructure and zoning.

Bruce Wescott passed out a simplified “Goals and Strategy” document which all agreed will serve as the template for the Energy Committee’s work of completing the energy section of the town plan.

The MOU between the Energy Committee and Planning Commission has been drafted by Alison Low of NVDA, but as yet not officially approved by the Planning Commission. Jock is looking into expediting their approval so the Energy Committee can begin working with Alison.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM