

Warner Energy Committee Minutes

January 26, 2022

Present; Darren Blood, Bill Balsam, Clyde Carson, David Bates, Sue Hemingway

1. Solar array related update. Plan to finally get wildflower seeds planted; Darren will check in with Tim Allen about any site work needed. Clyde will get seeds purchased. Will set a planting date and invite community, late May is target. For next meeting request that Clyde have paperwork available from Eversource in order to look at reimbursements, production, etc.
2. EV Charging Station. EC became aware the Chamber was actively pursuing a location and partners to install EV charging in Warner, to be funded 85% by a grant. The project was deemed untenable due to difficulty securing parking locations and due to grant requirements. Clyde reports there are 3 groups that are interested in local EV charging; the Chamber, local business, and the Economic Development Committee . The intention is to invite the 3 groups to a select board meeting where the ideas will be heard, and select board support would be possible. The request is that when this meeting is scheduled, the EC will be notified.
3. Wood Bank, Pete Ladd submitted info that utilization of the self serve kiosk has been steady, and needed several refills to keep it stocked. There have been no requests for larger amounts to date. Darren has had communication with Elizabeth Labbe, Town Welfare Director, to clarify the request process.
4. Future Proofing Warner in face of climate change; Bill wants to have this conversation, and mentioned challenges including fires, severe weather consequences, emergency management. He will look into some next steps, possibly a speaker.
5. Energy Use Policy. Discussion about the review process, and disseminating this policy to Dept Heads and others in town to reinforce the commitment. Clyde will put review of policy on Selectboard agenda and then disseminate to the above.
6. 6.Town Report Submission. Suggestion to include the above policy in the report, as well as a picture of the Wood Bank Kiosk. Darren will send David last years report so he can revise. He will send it to EC for comments before submission.
7. Sidewalk. Waiting for G and C approval, which appears likely. The warrant article will request funding for the 20% town portion.
8. Other ; STEAM Wing at KRHS. Sue attended one meeting, Darren, Clyde and David another. They appear receptive to ideas about energy efficiency , the process is well underway so not clear whether big changes can be initiated now.
9. Other; EV, E Bikes; David wonders if Warner might sponsor an exhibition. New London has sponsored similar in past, David will contact them to see about partnering, or possibility of a stand alone .

Next meeting February 22,2022 at 5:30, Town Hall Lower Meeting Room