

Renewable Energy Task Force

Amended and approved Minutes for Meeting held on Tuesday December 4, 2018

Written on December 6, 2018 and updated on January 15, 2019 by Vince Mamone

The meeting was called to order at 7:41PM.

Task Force members in attendance were Laura Lynch, Bev Edwards, Robert Wills, Vince Mamone and Deb Deleso.

The draft minutes from the October 24 meeting were reviewed. There were two edits; correct the spelling of Richard Silvestro's name and clarifying the reference to the Municipal Building that we mean the Fire Department section's south facing roof. Bev moved to approve the minutes as edited and Laura seconded. All voted in favor and the minutes were unanimously approved as edited.

EV Charging Station Proposal:

Vince created a rough draft of our grant request to the Anniversary Fund using the Anniversary Fund format. He will email it to Rob so that the technical details and costs can be added. We discussed how to position the justification for this item. We feel that it provides many benefits such as education and by demonstrating that Temple is proactively addressing the conversion to renewable energy. It also will put Temple on the EV map and bring some beneficial traffic to town that might be of benefit to local businesses. We are looking at two or three possible sites. It would be great to have one directly on Route 101 and possibly one in town at the library. Vince will talk to a future business owner who is directly on Route 101 to see if they would be interested in hosting a charging station. The time frame for submitting this proposal will be to complete it during the early part of 2019 as this will meet the timing of the next Anniversary Fund Meeting.

Questions to be resolved include how to pay for electricity use and how to get support from the library and the Select Board. Other funding sources include CDFA which has funds from the Volkswagen diesel engine settlement. There is also NH House Bill 517 which concerns EV infrastructure investments.

Solar Array Installation for the Municipal Building (Fire Dept. Roof):

Vince had put together a list of questions that we should research before moving forward with planning. These questions concern site specific issues. Vince will visit the site before the next meeting and gather some data to help us answer these questions.

Library Heating System Replacement:

Bev alerted us that the Library is in the beginning stage of replacing the oil fired heating system. The Energy Committee had done extensive work in the past on improving the weather tightness of this building. To facilitate Temple meeting it's Renewable Energy 2030 goal it would be helpful if the new heating system was electric powered like a heatpump system. We will talk to the library and town to make them aware of the benefits.

Merger of The Temple Energy Committee with the Renewable Task Force:

There are still a few loose ends to completing the merger. Bev will talk to the BOS to get their support in making this merger happen. If the BOS is in agreement she will ask them to swear in Richard Silvestro as a member.

Warrant Articles for 2019:

Bev asked if we should consider doing any warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting. One suggestion was to broaden the scope of the Task Force. We discussed this and decided that we are not ready to propose any warrant articles at this time.

Our next meeting, if we stick to having it on the 3rd Tuesday of the month will be held on January 15, 2019. Robert moved to adjourn the meeting and Deb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted by
Vince Mamone