

Renewable Energy Task Force
Approved Meeting Minutes for Tuesday August 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM. Task Force members in attendance were Bev Edwards, Robert Wills and Vince Mamone. Laura Lynch arrived at 7:16. Peter Martel also attended. Robert Wills volunteered to chair the meeting until Laura arrived and then she chaired the remainder of the meeting.

The draft minutes from the July 17 meeting were read in silence. It was agreed to separate the list of attendees to clearly show who is on the task force. Visitors will continue to be listed but separately. Also a clarification was made in the paragraph talking about Cathy Joly's presentation. The words "such as energy efficiency" were changed to "related to sustainability." Rob moved to approve the minutes as amended and Bev seconded. All voted in favor and the minutes were unanimously approved as modified.

Rob proposed that the meetings be recorded to have a record and to facilitate writing the minutes. He volunteered to provide the equipment and to record the meeting when he is in attendance. Bev moved to vote on recording the meetings. Laura seconded. Bev, Laura and Robert voted in favor. Vince voted against. The motion was carried.

Vince introduced a draft of a mission statement that he had written and read it aloud to the group. The statement was discussed at length. Rob recommended several edits and adding a new goal just before the last goal. Bev moved to approve as amended and Rob seconded. All voted to approve the revised Mission Statement. The revised Mission Statement is appended to these minutes. It is intended that this document will be continuously revised over time.

We discussed having a booth at the Harvest Festival. After some discussion we agreed to have a table to engage with town residents via discussion and a survey. Bev will co-ordinate the logistics and find out if taking donations is ok.

We agreed to not publish anything in the Newsletter at this time but to wait till we have more to say.

Rob asked the question if the Task Force had a broader mandate. Should we take on projects beyond the one goal of 100% Renewable energy by 2030. Everyone expressed interest in this type of activity. Vince cautioned against blending the broader activities into the original goal.

Vince introduced the Temple Anniversary Fund to the Task Force and discussed its objectives and guidelines and how the Task Force might present proposals to the Fund. Vince suggested that Rob's earlier comment about having an EV Charging Station in town would be an ideal candidate. Vince also suggested that a small scale PV solar panel project might be a good idea as well such as lighting the School House No. 6. Everyone expressed interest in following up on this as time permits.

We set September 18, 2018 for our next meeting and adjourned at 8:30PM.

Mission Statement Renewable Energy Task Force

August 22, 2018

Preface:

At the March 2018 Town Meeting Temple voted to adopt a goal of achieving 100% renewable energy for town administration and operation. This includes electricity and fuel for all of the town buildings and building operations including lighting, heat and cooling. This does not include vehicles such as trucks and other motorized equipment. The town also voted to establish a task force that would guide the town forward to achieve this goal. The task force was established under the direction of the Select Board as a government entity that will report to the Select Board and follow Temple Town Government regulations.

The Task Force:

The Task Force is responsible for identifying options and making recommendations to the Town for the best alternatives to achieve it's 100% renewable energy goal. And it will guide the town between now and 2030 on the path forward. The Task Force will keep abreast of renewable energy technology, business trends and US and State governments evolving policy for renewable energy. This will allow the Task Force to define an approach, with multiple steps, track technological progress and evolving trends and financial implications over time, and to continuously refine it's recommendations and plan so as to assist the Town in achieving the best possible outcome. This multiple-step evolving approach is necessary given the long window of time, 12 years, that the Task Force will be operating. It will not be feasible to wait till 2029 and see what technological advances are then available.

Initial Task Force Goals:

1. Identify the current energy footprint for the Town buildings and operations. (i.e. electricity, propane, heating oil, wood and other fuels). Where does it use this energy and what is the source.
2. Investigate opportunities to lower the Town's energy use by improving efficiency, removing redundancy and eliminating waste.
3. Make recommendations for efficiency improvements.
4. Create a comprehensive list of potential solutions.
5. Develop a high level plan to achieve the Town's 100% renewable goal.