

# Nelson Town Buildings Committee

April 29, 2019

## Attendees

- Dave Upton
- Dave Birchenough
- Russ Thomas
- Lisa Sieverts
- Sandy Mackenzie
- Earl Creasey

## Action Items

- Dave U
  - Send the deed determination letter to the committee, along with the property map
    - DONE
- Dave B
  - Contact Pat Martin, tell her about the education series we are planning, ask her for availability in late summer and ideas for things we could do
- Russ
  - Ask Rich Popovic, to join the Communication committee and ask about ideas to engage kids
  - Read the grant packet from Southwest Regional Planning, is there anything there that we can apply for, perhaps in 2020?
- Sandy
  - Contact potential Communication committee members
  - Contact Henry Herndon, tell him about the education series we are planning, ask him for availability in late summer and ideas for things we could do
- Lisa
  - Send Corrected March 25 minutes to Edie for posting
    - DONE
  - Modify the proposed sign about recording in the Town Hall
  - Look for grants for solar project

## **Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM after a brief review of recently-purchased privately-owned electric vehicles.**

### **The minutes of March 25 are discussed**

- The meeting had been posted for a joint meeting with Selectboard so the minutes need to be corrected.
- Motion to accept as corrected by Dave U, second by Russ, all in favor.

### **Discussion of possible solar location above the ball field**

- We think Rob G. got in touch with Steve Bosworth
- But moreover, the Town Lawyer has reviewed the deed and he has determined that any restrictions on deeds would have had to be recorded at the Cheshire Registry, which was not done.
  - The easement in the deed is for the abutting landowner to be able to get to the abutting land for recreation only, so that if someone were to develop the abutting land they couldn't use the easement to get to the development.
  - The land can be used for solar and other town purposes

### **Community Information Program**

- Dave suggests letting an ad hoc committee form to help with communication
  - Proposing names, Sandy will contact
    - Tom Buttrick
    - Rob Germeroth
    - Rich Popovic
    - Wally Francis
    - Kelly French
    - Tyler or Jenna Rich
    - Andrew Bedard
    - Todd Pearson
- Sandy called Bill McKibben's office, he does charge \$30K to speak. Sandy then called Lila Gorman- Glaser from 350NH.org, from Dover,
  - She recommended
    - Emma Shapiro-Weiss
      - League of Conservation Voters
      - Solarize Monadnock

- Pat Martin
    - Electrical Engineer from Rindge
    - Able to talk about Cost and Climate
    - Dave B was on a board with her and will contact her and ask if she has ideas about events we could do
  - Henry Herndon
    - Clean Energy NH
    - Dave B knows him
    - Sandy will call Henry and ask for ideas about events we could do
- Dave B got the recommendation
  - Conor Hill, high school student
- Write the Case for Support
- Event Ideas
  - Our job
    - Answer the question: “Why is a little town like Nelson even worrying about climate change?”
  - Kick off Idea
    - Show the Greta Thunberg video
      - 15 minutes
    - Conor Hill speaks and does Q&A
      - 45 minutes
  - Intermediate event
    - Pat Martin
    - Henry
      - Possibly talking about what’s happening around the state
  - Final event idea
    - Detailed Q&A Session with Dana Nute and Greg Blake, or maybe Pat Martin here
  - Old Home Day event in the Town Hall
  - Dave U idea
    - We buy a solar car kit (for kids) and have a raffle to give it away
- When?
  - Late summer, August/ september, include Old Home Day
  - OHD brainstorm
    - Bring electric vehicles
    - Dave has a solar bicyclist

- Russ will ask Rich Popovic to be on the committee and ask him for ideas about engaging kids with solar events
- Door to Door in February 2020

## **MFS Recording**

- David wants a sign that is only posted when recording takes place. Make it “We are recording” rather than “We may be recording.”
- Lisa will modify the proposed sign

## **Dave has homework for us**

- SWRP sent information about grants for energy projects “Northern Border”
  - That grant won’t work for us, but SWRP does want to know what we are doing and will help us find or draft grant applications
- Grants need to be researched
  - Russ will research the packet from SWRP
    - Is this something we can apply for next year?
  - Lisa will look for grants, and will check with Cheshire County grants administrator

## **Next Meeting**

- May 13 6 PM

**Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM by Dave B, second by Russ, all in favor**