

Nelson Town Buildings Committee

May 13, 2019

Attendees

- Dave U
- Dave B
- Russ
- Lisa
- Sandy
- Earl
- Absent

Action Items

- Dave U
 - Contact Andrew Bedard about being on the Communications Committee for Solar events
 - Resend the solar spreadsheet
 - Ask Greg Blake about using the Salt Barn roof for solar
- Dave B
 - Contact Henry Herndon and see if he can come to our meeting either 6/3 or 6/10 at 6 PM in Nelson, to help us plan the “middle” event, and tell us what topics he can cover.
 - We should meet with him to find out what other towns in NH have done, how they sold it to their communities
 - Find out if Connor Hill is available either August 1 or August 8 in the evening, to speak in Nelson
 - Maybe after we talk to Henry Herndon, then talk to Pat Martin again about whether she feels she’s a better fit for the middle event or the final event.
- Sandy
 - Ask folks about being on the Communications Committee: Wally Francis, Tyler or Jenna Rich, Andy or Sarah Wilson

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM
- The minutes of April 29, 2019 are approved as sent by email, motion by Russ, second by Sandy, all in favor
- Action Items Update
 - Sandy asked people to be on the Communications Committee
 - Tom Buttrick
 - Maybe
 - Rob Germeroth
 - Yes
 - Rich Popovich
 - Yes
 - Wally Francis
 - Hard to get a hold of, will continue to try, expect to see him over Memorial Day
 - Tyler or Jenna Rich
 - haven't been able to reach them yet
 - Andrew Bedard
 - Sandy did not contact. Dave U has contact information for him, Dave will follow up.
 - Todd Pearson
 - He is very interested but isn't ready to say yes yet.
 - We add Andy Wilson to the list, Sandy will contact him.
 - Speakers
 - Talked to Henry Herndon from Clean Energy NH, he will do whatever we want. He would like to talk about the economics of solar.
 - Is it economics of solar for the world, or for a town the size of Nelson? Don't know.
 - Other Sandy Items
 - Kelly French
 - Kelly will send an email to us about why the school didn't go for the solar project.
 - Dave B
 - Contacted Pat Martin

- She would be happy to come speak, she's a former state rep. She's an Electrical Engineer.
 - Talked to Connor Hill
 - Connor will send dates that he is available. He will go to UNH in September. He doesn't need slides when he gives a talk.
- We view Dave's solar props: bicyclist and toy car
- The solar project budget
 - Between \$325K and \$350K
 - Look at the spreadsheet, Dave U will send it again
 - We can ask the community for help in deciding how to tackle the project
 - How are we paying for this?
 - Bonding? Probably not.
 - Grants and Rebates
 - Buildings Capital Reserve
 - Especially if we only tackled enough solar for one building at a time
 - Taxation
 - Grants and Rebates
 - \$400/ton for qualifying devices X 30 tons
- Brainstorm about Solar Education/Motivation Events
 - Event 1
 - MOTIVATION
 - TED Talk with Greta
 - Conor Hill talk
 - Event 2
 - STATE OF NH and ECONOMICS
 - Henry Herndon
 - We should meet with him to find out what other towns in NH have done, how they sold it to their communities
 - Event 3
 - NELSON PROJECT
 - Technical Details
 - Pat Martin
 - General overview
 - She might prefer to be in section 2, Dave B will ask her

- Dana Nute
 - Greg Blake
 - all the spreadsheets
- Work backwards toward a timeline
 - Town Meeting
 - THE VOTE
 - Saturday, March 14
 - The Caucus
 - Q&A
 - February
 - Door to door
 - Before the caucus
 - January/February on one weekend
 - Technical Details Talk
 - January
 - Middle Talk
 - Henry Herndon
 - Have him come and talk to us as a Committee, help us with topics, possibly other speakers
 - Thursday August 1 or August 8?
 - Maybe Greta and Connor
 - Dave B will check with Connor
 - What about a fun day?
 - Rich Popovic
 - solar oven for kids?
 - write us a song?
 - Rides in the Tesla?
- Job Description of Communications Committee
 - Help writing the case for support
 - Create literature to hand out during the door-to-door
 - Content for the town website
 - Help with a great spreadsheet that communicates the finances of the project and the options
 - Help grant writing
 - Go door-to-door
- What about the Salt Barn Roof for the solar

- Dave U will ask Greg Blake about the Salt Barn roof, what are the pros and cons of doing that instead of or in addition to the ground solar

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM by Russ Thomas, second by Sandy, all in favor

Next Meeting

- Meet with Henry Herndon
 - Monday June 3 at 6 PM with June 10 as a backup
 - Dave B will see if Henry Herndon can attend on either of those dates