

Minutes for 10/7/14

Approved September meeting minutes

Introductions from potential new members

Review "Big 5" data points to benchmark

The group selected 5 goals for the committee. The 5 were:

1. # of streets with sidewalks/ bike lanes
2. kwh used by entire town
3. CO2e emitted by town (municipal or everyone?)
4. # of alternative energy installations in town
5. # of EV or hybrid cars registered in town

Split up energy plan tasks

The components of the energy plan were distributed for draft writing.

Kimberly will address the general progress report, focusing on priorities for future initiatives and an outline of recommended energy policies. John will write-up a description of town-wide natural gas options and town energy discussion and the role of offsets. Pete will assess the need for guidelines on new installations of alternative energies with support from Kimberly. Michelle will work on a report on reducing overall energy consumption through conservation, energy efficiency and alternative energies (review of GRC report), with support from Kimberly.

Plastic Bags

Kimberly communicated with people from Hannaford and Shaws to determine their plastic bag counts. There is currently no contact information for Walmart.

Round Robin

Student group is attempting to implement a composting program. The school needs a cost analysis of the trash/ compost pick-up schedule.