

Burke Planning Commission

February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: James Bentley, Valerie Desmarais

Guests: Alison Lowe, NVDA / Scott Chappell, Burke DRB

A quorum was not established, it was decided to conduct an informal meeting to get Alison's input re: the draft energy plan.

Alison updated us re: what is missing from the draft plan. We need to include methodology and new data.

As we reviewed the draft plan, Alison noted that the strategies (pg. 8) are more like goals.

West Burkes' oldest houses could be retro-fitted for energy conservation, and that is a good place to start.

Burke needs an energy committee / citizens action group to partner with Efficiency Vermont (and others) and begin to implement changes. Alison noted that NVDA is sponsoring an Energy Event at the Northwoods Stewardship Center on 03.20. (link below).

<http://www.northwoodscenter.org/wordpress/event/transforming-our-energy-use-at-the-grass-roots-level>

<https://files.constantcontact.com/4ab74b78201/c8eac2f0-62e6-4b23-8fc3-9214b305a4d8.pdf>

A couple of ideas came out of this discussion:

- * Explore the possibility of a public charging station in East Burke.
- * Meet with leaders at Burke Mountain to review their energy consumption and possible conservation measures.

Scott Chappell, DRB / Facilities and Infrastructure Manager at Kingdom Trails stated that the Application for Village Center designation is due March 19. He reported that the Village Designation in East Burke does not include East Burke Village. Village Center designations are an important marker for grant monies.

Alison will check this, and forward relevant information to James.

Discussion of Municipal Tax was tabled due to lack of a board quorum.

The discussion adjourned at 7:30.

Submitted,

Valerie Desmarais