

Town of Norfolk

Norfolk Energy Advisory Committee

The Energy Advisory Committee was established to give guidance to the Board of Selectmen in the area of Energy Conservation.

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Town Hall, Norfolk, CT

Present at Meeting: Tom Strumolo, Susannah Wood, Bruce Benedetto, Paul Madore & Matt Riiska

Meeting Called to Order by MR: 5:05 PM

- **Establish Chairman & Secretary**
 - Since this is an advisory committee there was no one appointed to be chair at this time.
 - MR will act as Secretary

- **SustainableCT**
 - MR provided information to those attending about SustainableCT

- **Energy Audits**
 - TS suggested that the Committee should look into conducting energy audits for all town buildings and then to look for funding to provide energy audits to residential home owners. TS felt that energy is a large part of many home owner & renter budgets and this is the easiest and quickest way to see the shortfalls and to come up with plans to reduce energy usage and cost.
 - TS suggested talking to Keith Sleeper of Energy Resources
 - It was suggested to contact rental property owners as a way to reduce energy cost for renters

- **Solar Energy Opportunities**
 - TS will contact individuals who are knowledgeable about solar installations and working with municipalities to come to a future meeting to discuss options for Norfolk.

- **EV Charging Station**
 - MR reported that the Town is looking into this and when funds/grants become available a station will be installed at the Town Hall

- **Open Discussion**

- TS suggested that the Town collect data on energy usage for each building including the school. MR to collect info and present it at the next meeting.
- MR reported that the Town will be installing a new oil tank at Botelle School. TS asked to consider the installation of mini-split units for each room and solar panels to get away from the usage of fossil fuels.
- The group would like to have an open discussion on a Saturday morning at the Town Hall to get more involved. Arrangements will be made for a meeting in the 1st quarter of 2019.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Riiska

Matt Riiska, Acting Secretary