**March 10, 2021 Minutes**

**Attending:**Tom Konrad, ECC Chair

Iris Bloom

Doug Adams

Olivia Fleming

Alan Newman

Tim Hunt, Marbletown Board Member

Melissa Everett, SHV

Dave Conover, SHV

Amy Moses, Guest

Stuart Leigh, Guest

Toni Brink

Carol Feingold, Guest

February meeting minutes approved subject to additions by Doug. Approved

**3rd online 100% Renewable Meeting Review and Future Outreach.**

Melissa to review data on how many Marbletown folks attended. The meeting was recorded. Not clear as to how many people started on the path to 100% renewable. A lot of people are moving slowly, so there may be a large impact down the road. Most important is to think about the issue and not invest in fossil fuel. So far, there are 36 responses to the pledge, about ½ in Marbletown. Some data were collected by those who responded to the pledge. The list of respondents is now shared with everyone.

Overall, ECC board members liked the unstructured nature of the conversation. People were very engaged. Good presentations. Everyone liked the information that came out in the meeting. In particular, there was useful information on state programs. Still, people felt that there is a need to tighten up the presentations. Planning needs to be better. Fortunately, we now have a planning template.

*For future meetings*. Keep with the poster design, so it becomes a theme. Need to address the timing: Saturday may be a problem for reaching a bigger audience.

*Ideas for future meetings:* Haven’t talked about EV’s, power walls, electric equipment, lawn mower and still more to talk about building issues. Could do just a Q and A on the topics, such as heating. Ask the expert. One idea is to have a contractor who is doing green work; tap into green power companies. Another is “faith-based meetings” in the sense of having an audience that is centered around a religious institution. Also need to target real estate agents. Another future topic: 100% renewable business.

*Plan for next meeting*: Just unstructured meeting. Solicit questions from folks. Bring in an expert or experts to answer questions. Set an ongoing date as the last Wednesday in the month, from 7 to 8:15 pm. Next one in April. April 28. Title: Ask me anything.

*Decisions:* Unstructured Q & A. Needs to have a broader PR campaign prior to the meeting. Also would be useful to have pledge takers give updates. Pitch a story to local journalists. Need to do more on promoting on various media, including social media.

Keep Tom’s 2-minute presentations on the steps.

**Presentation on STRETCH code at Board meeting**.

Tim: Presentation was rushed. The important point was that anyone doing a retrofit didn’t need to do as much as the Board feared.

Good news is that with the addition of heat pumps, the community center is a demonstration center, which provides points for the CEC leadership grants. Nevertheless, still need adoption of the STRETCH code to reach the level of a $70,000 grant. Things are moving forward. SHV to supply literature on clean energy.

**Investment Committee**

Olivia: Gave them our list of projects. The Committee was receptive. So far, the Committee has just chosen chair and secretary.

**EV chargers**

The company Blink is interested in Marbletown, but is charging 45 cents/kW for charging. Places for chargers, besides Grady Park, could include Tongore Park, Old Town Hall, Emanuals

(but would have to be OK’d with the owner of the shopping center), rail trail parking lots, Ollies, High Falls Fire Department, and maybe Church. State is giving $4K per charger + 50% FOR THE upgrade.

Tom to look at the issue again.

**New Business**

Iris: Riverkeeper sweep on May 1. Pick up trash and invasive removal. ECC could propose our own volunteer day.

There is a statewide proposal to define thicker bags as reusable bags, which would allow grocery stores to give them for free. However, the goal is to eliminate single-use plastic, so this proposal is back tracking.

Alan: Rosendale theatre’s Science On Screen program is showing the *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Live expert panel discussion on March 24.

Amy: If we contact churches about sustainable energy. It could be useful for the church.

Adjourn: 8:55 pm