

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**  
**Northfield Energy Committee**  
**Minutes for February 21, 2022**

1. Public Participation (Scheduled):
  - a. Guest: Mike Kiernan
    - Mike represented an organization called “Bee for Change”
    - Goal is to restore plant and animal diversity in one acre of non-solar habitat within Vermont communities through a multi-year project (5 years).
    - Mike would like to connect with Northfield Town Planning Commission and Conservation Commission for identification of potential sites.
    - Plans to approach businesses in the area for support to offset their footprint (one-time \$110 contribution).
    - Patrick will check with these Commissions to determine their interest in this project.
2. Approval of Minutes: unanimously at 6:50 pm 1/17/2023
3. Discussion:
  - a. EV Charging Station project update and next steps
    - i. Sarah reported that Select Board and Utility Commission meetings were positive.
    - ii. We are awaiting second quote from Collins Electric.
      - Select Board is considering ADA accessible ramp to be installed.
      - Northfield Travel and Mayo Realty will not lose any present parking spots.
      - NEC is recommending that a handicapped spot be identified adjacent to Northfield Travel.
    - iii. SemaConnect has changed their name to “Blink Charging”.
    - iv. Public Outreach
      - The E-V proposal was highlighted in the Northfield News.
      - Info will be posted on the NEC website, until approval is complete
  - b. Public Transportation Outreach Day
    - i. Discussion transpired re: Joe’s suggestion for a “Take the Bus to Work Day” in the Spring
    - ii. Gail will coordinate a date with GMT.
  - c. Committee roles - areas of knowledge
    - i. Committee members were charged to identify individual areas of ‘expertise’ to support future work.
    - ii. Discussion of these areas will occur at the March NEC Meeting.
    - iii. Sarah will provide resources for the group.
4. Public Participation (Unscheduled) --none
5. Adjourn: 7:35 pm