

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
Northfield Energy Committee
Minutes of March 19, 2024

1. Public Participation (Scheduled): none

2. Approval of Minutes: 2/20/2024 6:35 pm

3. Discussion:

a. Geothermal Networks -

- Patrick attended Geothermal Network Meeting
 - Presentation by John Marin on Efficiency Vt. role in geothermal initiative
 - Geothermal Committee members interviewed representatives from St. Johnsbury and St. Albans re: their Geothermal potential
 - Committee presented overview of Geothermal Map publication
 - CONTENTS: INTRODUCTION Why Thermal Energy Networks? 3
What are Thermal Energy Networks? 5 How to Use This Guide 6
START HERE 7 Where and When a Thermal Energy Network Makes
Sense 8 Thermal Energy Network Opportunities Chart 9 IDENTIFY
OPPORTUNITIES 10 How to Get a Head Start on a Thermal Energy
Network 11 Site Selection for a Thermal Energy Network 16 Site
Selection Factors to Consider 17 UNDERSTAND OWNERSHIP 19
Which Ownership Model? 20 DEVELOP YOUR PROJECT 24 What
Does a Thermal Energy Network
 - NEC needs to work on gathering info. re: Chapter 11 (above)
 - Joe brainstormed categories of Northfield businesses with
potential for Geothermal benefits. NEC will address Northfield sites
at future meetings.
- Grocery stores and large refrigeration centers, • Ice arenas, • Wastewater treatment facilities, • Data processing centers, including buildings that house telephone or internet facilities, • Breweries, distilleries, bakeries, factories, • Ponds or reservoirs, • Office buildings with central cooling systems and year-round cooling loads, or • Other industrial facilities.
- Patrick also attended Downtown Development Meeting
 - Presentation by Dick Hayden re: energy efficient work with pre-fab house components

b. Bus Kiosk

- Gail attended NCDN Meeting—to coordinate Committees' efforts.
 - 2024 Night on Common to be scheduled in September
 - NCDN members are supportive of relocating kiosk on the Common.
- Gail attended Northfield/Norwich University Task Force meeting
 - Efforts are being made to coordinate Task Force efforts with Norwich and improve communications
 - Task Force is using survey to identify ideas of community and NU leaders
- Gail communicated with Town Manager Schulz and Select Board Chairperson, Dave Maxwell, about kiosk location concerns.
 - NEC members will provide suggestions to Select Board at upcoming meeting that addresses this situation.

c. Public Outreach

- Future NEC Meeting Agendas to be shared on FPF .

4. Public Participation (Unscheduled) none

5. Adjourn 7:30 pm