

# Northfield Energy Committee

## Minutes of February 16, 2021

**Present:** NEC Members: Sarah Wolfe, Gail Hall, Denise MacMartin, Sarah Wolfe, and Ted Fisher (via Google Meet) **Public Participants:** Patrick Meehan, Bob Keeley

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Interim Chair, Sarah Wolfe.

January 2021 minutes were approved.

**Community Connections Kiosk:** Gail and Patrick are scheduled to meet with the Norwich class doing the construction on Friday, February 19. Rotary donated \$1000 toward the project, bringing the total funds raised to \$3,600 toward the \$5,000 goal. Gail is working with others on a grant application to Northfield Savings Bank that we hope will cover a good portion of the remaining need.

**Northfield Planning Commission Meeting:** Sarah, Patrick, and Bob attended the recent Planning Commission Meeting. Sarah gave a presentation of our work and plans, and answered extensive questions from the commission members. They are very supportive of our Building Energy Campaign and charging station goals for the coming year. Sarah was also able to connect with our advisor, Stephen Fitzhugh, who was attending in his capacity with the Utility Commission. Sarah is planning to attend future Utility Commission meetings.

**EV Charging Station:** There was general discussion about how to reach the community for more input. Some suggestions were made to include outreach in the campaign to select a building for the energy efficiency project.

**Building Energy Efficiency Project 2021:** Sarah and Gail had little to no response to their outreach to other groups regarding this campaign. Patrick suggested ways to better use Facebook and he'll explore more and report back in March. Bob suggested connecting with the virtual Northfield Farmers' Market and he will draft language for that effort. There was also discussion about timing to approach the Select Board to report on progress in various areas and to gain visibility for upcoming projects. Because we will need to go to the Select Board regarding new member roles a plan will be put together for how to accomplish this all in one appearance.

**Committee Positions:** The document to send to the Select Board is nearly ready, and will go out soon. This is Denise's last meeting as an officer, and the group thanked her for her input and efforts. She plans to stay involved as a community participant, and to continue in her role as a backup Facebook administrator for the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise MacMartin, NEC Secretary