

AGENDA

SUSTAINABLE NEENAH COMMITTEE MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 5:30 P.M.

**Hauser Committee Room, City Administration Building
211 Walnut Street, Neenah**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Appearances. (Ten minutes divided among those wishing to speak on topics pertinent to the Sustainable Neenah Committee.)
- 3) Approve minutes of October 28, 2019 meeting.
- 4) Update on potential solar energy projects.
- 5) Discussion of future education/information projects.
- 6) Approval of expenditures.
- 7) Announcements and future agenda items.

“Our mission is to identify and foster economically feasible energy conservation and efficiency measures; to promote recycling, waste reduction, and use of renewable resources; to increase public awareness and access to new and existing sustainability programs and services; and to be conscientious stewards of our city.”

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Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee
Monday, October 28, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Present: Committee Co-Chair Carol Kasimor and Committee members Theo Haaks, Amy Kester, Kent Powley, Josh Preissner, and Dave Rause.

Approval of minutes:

MSC Rause, Preissner, the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Presentation by Renew Wisconsin:

Jane McCurry, Program Manager for Electric Vehicles (EVs), was present to discuss these vehicles and local governments. Renew Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Wisconsin through the advancement of renewable energy. The organization works on policies and programs that support solar power, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, geothermal energy, and electric vehicles.

Of Wisconsin's energy consumption, 25% is used for transportation. In addition, \$8.4 billion is spent on oil and gas from outside of Wisconsin every year. However, renewable energy is increasing in the state and costs are decreasing. Jane reviewed the types of electric vehicles, the cost of ownership, and the charging process. The role of local governments in promoting and benefitting from electric vehicles was discussed, including cities purchasing EVs for bus and government fleets, installing charging stations and making parking lot infrastructure EV ready.

Discussion of 2019 education/information and future projects:

Farm market presentations this year included the topics of solar energy, Valley Transit, and stormwater.

Update on potential solar energy projects:

A list of possible solar sites on City-owned property was distributed for future discussion.

Adjournment: MSC Preissner, Haaks, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner