

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives  
Meeting Minutes November 6, 2017  
Washburn Town Hall

Next meeting: Attend Nov. 14, 2017 County Board Meeting 6pm; Encourage others to attend to show support for our presentation; this is an update to the County Board – no decisions are being made

-Minutes are posted on the BPEA website

Reports from Action Items:

-Criteria for Transmission Routes: (Kim, Lorraine, Jim M., Phil) – group met and made progress on setting criteria beginning with Public Service Commission criteria and adding items important to our group and the community as a whole

-Report for County Board Meeting: (Phil, Bob, Roy, Susan, Lorraine)

- Report is an update to the county board on our progress to date
- Group members prepared drafts that need consolidation and final editing – a 2 page summary and a 4 page in-depth report
- Roy spoke to Mark Abeles-Allison regarding presenting as an agenda item vs public comment; could do either way, but if on agenda Mark needs written request before Wednesday to include our report in the packets sent to county supervisors
- Bob will discuss further with Mark explaining what we have prepared and best avenue to get our reports to the supervisors (whether that's via an agenda item (and packet inclusion) or public comment
- Final report and summary will be shared with all working group members prior to 11/14 meeting
- Bob Adams will present the summary report at the meeting; Jim Miller will serve as backup if Bob is unavailable

-Existing route/underground alternative, scenic byway, collaboration with other groups (Jay, Roy, Mike, Jim)

- Jay shared info on possible alternative routes (in Google Docs);
- Discussed being careful about proposing routes in someone else's backyard; get behind what's important to our group... ideas that take county into 21<sup>st</sup> century energy solutions (i.e. underwater line, renewables, etc) and/or using existing line or parts of existing line
- It was suggested Criteria group and Alternative group get together to avoid duplicating effort

-PSC Communication (Susan) – PSC responded to Susan with a letter that answers nothing at this point

-County Budget item for solar (Roy) - No response

-Messaging strategy (Mike, Mary): Mary sent an email with lots of information; 2 ideas proposed: Contact your County Supervisor for more time, and get more people involved with graphics campaign

-FAQ's (Phil) – please comment on this in Google Docs; Phil will complete and send to website

-Hope McLeod – will get involved after 11/14 County meeting; WPR Danielle Kaeding also a possibility

-Sample letters including addresses (i.e. county board, letters to editor, PSC) - John Adams will draft samples

-Contact with Bayfield Electric Cooperative (BEC) – we haven't reached out much; Jim will talk to Larry at BEC; Jim will also ask why S. Maple Hill and other roads have been flagged recently by BEC (perhaps for upgraded internet?)

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Notetaker