

Leelanau County Energy Futures Taskforce

11/2/23 Minutes

Present: Bronwyn Jones, Lois Bahle, Russ Packard, Melinda Lautner, Steve Ruddell, Tom VanPelt, John Dinda. By Zoom: Lisa Brookfield, Kama Ross, Peter Wolcott, Joe DeFors

Absent: Courtney Hessel, Gwenne Allgaier, Eric Gustad

The meeting convened at 10am.

There was a general discussion about how workgroups will work going forward. Joe has been sending them materials as resources and ideas only. Each workgroup has autonomy in determining when, where and how they wish to organize their efforts in their area of interest.

The plan for today will be after brief introductory discussions, we will break into workgroups (Clean Transportation, Energy Efficiency, Clean Energy Projects) to begin our discussions and research into where each workgroup would like to initially focus their efforts. The library internet is available for research. Joe asked that each workgroup identify a single point of contact person for him.

We briefly discussed the possibility of bringing in speakers to further educate our taskforce members on topics pertinent to their work. This could be done during our scheduled meeting time, or another time made open to the public as well. A first topic of general interest is how the grid works. Tom VanPelt volunteered to investigate Cherryland resources to see who might be available. Touring a high efficiency home or business was suggested for another educational topic. Joe volunteered to work on this.

Workgroups each broke off for their own discussions.

At 11:30 the entire group reconvened. Workgroups reported in on their discussions today. Bronwyn will be the point person for Energy Efficiency, Russ Packard for Projects, Joe for Clean Transportation. Kama made a suggestion that we make an effort to help the public follow our work. To that end Bronwyn offered to help with periodic press releases.

All workgroups agreed that for now this general meeting format was working. Therefore this is how we will organize our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 7th (same time and place).

No public comment offered

Meeting adjourned 12pm.