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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
ENERGY TRANSITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 6, 2020 Dogwood Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Members: Tim Stevens (Chair), Jon Ward, Michael Trauberman
Staff Liaison: Kate Walker

Guest Attendee: Ryan Mueller (GMHS student working on Eagle Scout merit badge on Citizenship in the Community)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from November 7, 2019 were approved.

EV-themed Memorial Day parade float: this is an initiative from Erika Myers. Kate shared that applications are due by Friday, March 27.

BEEP presentation: we confirmed that cost and technical issues make this concept impractical at present, but that we should continue to monitor service and pilot offerings

State Legislation – Tim shared the current status of the Solar Freedom bill, which moves to the full Senate Floor on Sunday. It may get incorporated into the Virginia Clean Energy Act, which is a far reaching energy bill addressing a Virginia Renewable Portfolio Standard, Energy Efficiency goals, cost recovery for off shore wind, and removal of impediments that affect distributed renewable energy (i.e. Solar Freedom).

Solarize – dates and other key milestones have been issued by NVRC. Campaign begins on 4/6, and ends on 6/5.

LED Streetlight Conversion – work proceeds in DPW now that this initiative is officially part of the CIP process.

Flint Hill Sustainability Tour of Falls Church Facilities – Kate shared details of this tour of City Sustainability Features, which was very successful.

Open Discussion – Jon Ward brought the committee up to date on his efforts to promote geothermal ground source heat pumps within the City, for residential and commercial entities.

Next Meeting – Thursday March 5, 2020 Dogwood Room