

Dummerston Energy Committee – December 1, 2014 6 pm

Members: Will Collins, Stan ("Smokey") Howe, Larry Doucette and Jerelyn Wilson (Chair),

Guests: none

Members absent: Alex Wilson, Bill Conley

Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm

1. Approved minutes from meeting on 11/3/14

Larry moved, Smokey seconded approval of the minutes from 11/3/14. Passed unanimously.

2. Committee membership

Rafe and Michelle said no but were glad to be asked – they are possible future candidates.

Action items:

Let's put in the Views.

Smokey will ask the Solarize group.

Jerelyn will email the Selectboard.

3. Lighting update

ALL the fixtures are now LED – lights are 6,000K. THANKS in great part to Smokey's efforts!

EVT Plug load Program

Smokey received an email from EVT that we were eligible to receive free energy saving devices installed by EVT FREE of charge because of our participation in the street light program. The timeline was short because of end of year budgetary requirements so Smokey initiated the process. It is a program to reduce "plug loads" in municipal buildings such as the town office and town garage. "We have three different products we are willing to install free-of-charge for the town. The first is a programmable timer that reduces electricity consumption associated with water coolers, vending machines, and coffee makers. The second is an Advanced Power Strip that reduces electrical use for computer stations by automatically shutting off all related devices (such as printers and monitors) once the computer is shut off. The third is a low-flow water aerator for sinks. We are able to provide a total of 15 of each device to the municipality."

Smokey toured the Town Office, Town Garage and School and sent Gary Swindler a list of the possible locations for the APS installations. They are able to provide a total of 15 of each device to the municipality. East wing of school has possible locations for faucet aerators.

The Energy Committee would like a list of how many get installed so we can publicize the effort; would be good to quantify the savings of electricity. Also will ask about a programmable thermostat for Town Garage. If EVT doesn't provide one, the DEC could purchase one for the Town Garage.

4. Residential energy survey data

Action item: Alex to draft article for *Views*; circulate to committee in time to meet 1/6/15 deadline.

5. Solarize and community solar

Report on meetings: 11/9/14 and 11/21/14

Created a Google Doc for working on the RFP; group worked well together; hope to get done and issue the RFP in January; still on the table to decide if one or two RFPs. In any case want the contractors to work together; e.g., if residential solar is not appropriate want the contractor to suggest community solar. Considering how to include local installers in creative ways. Going to ask for both tiered and non-tiered pricing;

Next meeting is 12/11

6. Dummerston School

Larry made contact with State; JoCarol couldn't find report from 2012 so she authorized the State to share a copy with the DEC; School is up for another audit during 2015.

Action item: Larry will follow up and make sure we get the report;

Smokey signed up for the VECAN conference and has signed up for three workshop; \$35 for registration plus mileage which can be reimbursed with DEC funds; one of the workshops is about working with your local school.

Action item: Will look into grant monies that DEC has received to determine if we should be providing any reports.

7. Views of Dummerston – deadline is January 6th; to include survey piece by Alex plus invitation to Dummerston residents to consider participation on the Energy committee.

8. Other/Community input

None

Next meeting

Neither Smokey or Larry will be available on Monday January 5, 2015 so we will not have our regular meeting.

Action item: Jerelyn to email Laurie

We will consider a retreat at the Wilsons from 3 – 6 pm on January 18th.

Action item: Once Jerelyn OK's this with Alex she will email Laurie and send an invite to committee members.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm