

DRAFT JANUARY 2016 AGENDA
2015 Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, January 04, 2016 6 pm at the Dummerston Town Office

Meeting came to order at 6:05pm; in attendance were Stan Howe, Larry Doucette, William Collins, Alex Wilson and Julien Geiser.

1. Approve minutes from December meeting

Alex to moved approve the December meeting minutes, William seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Larry noted that he hadn't seen recent minutes on Dummerston website. Julien to check with Laurie and make sure that they have the files to upload.

Julien or volunteer to send approved minutes/notes to Pam/Laurie at the Town and K.E. Ryan for posting

2. Collecting 2010 Energy baseline data for assessing progress toward energy goal in Town plan

Committee continues to work on how to know where we are toward the 40% reduction goal—and do we have a real baseline at this point.

Stan has the spreadsheets ready for recording and DEC members will volunteer to assist in collecting the data over the coming month or two.

Actions for 2016:

1. Focus on the school and municipality. Continue to fill in the municipal energy consumption spreadsheet.

Ongoing efforts to continue working on this item.

2. Continually Compile and discuss the Town-wide electricity consumption—municipal, residential, commercial; plot on a dynamic spreadsheet that we can add to every year or every five years.

3. Fire Department Building Project

Fire department is willing to share design and plans for their new Dummerston Center fire station when they develop the plans. This item will be shelved and removed from the DEC agenda until the FD has significant plans to share with the DEC.

4. Dummerston School (we want to focus on helping the school be more efficient)

School has had a blower door test conducted but are awaiting the energy audit walkthrough and the results of both. School has also decided to join a state solar consortium to offset some of their energy costs. DEC was happy to hear that the school board is taking such positive steps towards their energy future.

5. Covered bridge lights need repairs or replacement

Larry found a source for aftermarket electric LED drivers, Stan to work on seeing if they might have an acceptable replacement. Larry also passed the federal tax ID onto all DEC members to ensure that we have acceptable documents to accept donations on behalf of the Town of Dummerston.

6. DEC Website and Cloud Sharing Drive

Julien has heard back from K.E. Ryan with recommendations on both accounts. DEC settled on using Webby and Google Drive. Julien collected DEC documents from all members and will start setting up both the website and cloud sharing drive over the course of the next month.

7. DEC Membership

Alex's membership will lapse in March and Larry may be leaving the area during the summer of 2016. If both members were to leave the committee we would be left with 3 members, critical that we find some new members. Larry to write up a short paragraph about our work and our need for interested members which he will forward onto the Dummerston School principal. We believe that there may be some teachers at the school interested in serving on the DEC.

8. Priorities for Energy Committee

1. Dummerston School Energy Consumption REDUCTION
2. Dummerston energy consumption – benchmarking
 - a. Continue with benchmarking 2010 energy consumption in town
 - b. Continually Seek data from fuel providers
 - c. Continue charting that data if we can normalize it
 - d. Further evaluating and making use of survey results

William moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm, Julien seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

DEC mission statement: The committee supports the town in monitoring locally important energy issues and developments, and promoting energy conservation, efficiency, and increased use of renewable resources. Using education, projects, and advocacy, the DEC will help Dummerston and its residents reduce their reliance on polluting forms of energy and achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy goal in Town Plan: To reduce total per-capita non-renewable energy consumption 40% by 2030 from a 2010 baseline