

DRAFT MINUTES
2016 Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, May 02, 2016 6 pm at the Dummerston Town Office

Meeting began at 6:03pm, in attendance were Stanley Howe, Alex Wilson & Julien Geiser

1. Approve minutes from April meeting

Notes: Julien moved to approve the meeting minutes, Alex seconded the motion. April minutes were unanimously approved

2. Election of Officers:

- a. **Chair – Alex Wilson**
- b. **Vice Chair – Stanley Howe**
- c. **Secretary – Julien Geiser**

Notes: Julien moved to elect Alex as the Chairperson, Stanley as the Vice Chair and Stanley proposed Julien as the Secretary. Alex seconded the motion, all those present were in favor.

3. 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. Good report out on status in the March meeting.

Action- Smokey- get school energy consumption numbers from the school's business manager.

Action- Smokey to get recent data posted to shared web page.

Note: Smokey still awaiting school's energy consumption. He also requested propane and school bus consumption going back through 2015. Smokey has posted the spreadsheet to the DEC shared Google Drive.

4. Dummerston School (we want to focus on helping the school be more efficient) and potentially swap to pellet burning boiler

Per March meeting: Stan suggests that a role we could play would be to research other funding sources.

There is some low-hanging fruit—efficiency measures that would pay back in a year or two and also might be necessary for the school to secure funding from WWHI.

Notes: Will says that there is still no forward progress with school board meetings/discussions, Act 46 is still their top priority. The school board would need to draft a bond proposal (\$150 - \$200k) and get it approved in November if the school was to go to a pellet system. Will did send an email to Chris Hebb asking about more information on the control system.

Action: Alex said he would talk to Dan Normandeau next time he sees him about making the pellet boiler.

5. Covered bridge lights need repairs or replacement

Action: Smokey to continue to research driver options

6. DEC web site.

Notes: Discussion was that there may not be enough content or traffic onto a third party DEC website. We could develop the resources and content available on the Town DEC website and use something that already exists and sees traffic instead of creating a somewhat redundant website.

Action: Julien proposed that he would talk to Kevin Ryan and find out whether there was a way in which we could develop the DEC website under the Town's website.

7. Town Plan – Energy Committee Portion

- Our work on the Town Plan should be completed and delivered to the Planning Commission by May of 2017. We discussed biting off small chunks at each meeting. See attached marked up copy.

Action: All members of the DEC to read the Energy portion of the Town Plan and be prepared to discuss at the June meeting.

8. Review of the Dummerston Center Fire Station Building Plans

Notes: Sounds as though a petition is circulating in town and Smokey believes that his notes to the Fire Station building committee were considered based on their recent presentation to the Select Board. Town will likely have to call for a special vote for the building.

- Alex suggested considering some kind of HRV system to deal with moisture. Julien had questions about the choice of XPS foam and cellulose in the ceiling assembly.

Action: Alex to take a look at the new fire station building plans and email Rick Cagliano and recommend that they consider ventilating the building.

9. New Members – Julien to talk to Dan Tyler about whether he has any interest in joining the Energy Committee.

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 and trending that data if we can normalize it
 - d. Further evaluating and making use of survey results

Alex motioned to adjourn at 6:50 pm and 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