

Dummerston Energy Committee Draft Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2016 6 pm

Dummerston Community Center

Meeting came to order at 6:05pm, in attendance were Alex Wilson, Stanley Howe, Will Collins and Julien Geiser

1. Review agenda, add items as needed

2. Approve minutes from October 3, 2016 meeting

- Will moved to approve the minutes from the October 3rd meeting, Stanley seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.

3. Continued discussion of potential solar system on the capped WSWMD landfill

Potential contract with the Town

- Julien moved to recommend to both the Town School Board and Selectboard that they move forward with contracts that would allow them to participate in the capped WSWMD solar landfill project and that the DEC would remain available to them for consultation. Will seconded the motion. Discussion: Stanley pointed out that the Town spends approximately \$50,000 a year on energy and that they would save around \$1,000 a year by signing up for this program, or about 2% of the annual energy use. All members were in favor of the motion.

4. Discussion of WRC grants program

Funds from the Clean Energy Development Fund

- Will moved that the DEC approach the Town School Board, inform them of the CEDF and encourage them to consider applying for the grant to help offset the cost of the School's wood boiler project. All members of the DEC were in favor of the motion.

No discussion but Will had for action to send the grant details to Dan Normandeau for review by the Town School Board.

- Alex proposed that we send off the grant information to other possible businesses in town, including Allard's Lumber and Hermit Thrush Brewery, and had that item for action.

5. Work session on Energy Chapter of Town Plan

Discussion of specific goals:

- The DEC reviewed the two existing goals and associated policies/actions and added a third goal aimed at encouraging the purchase of fully electric or hybrid vehicles by Town residents.

6. New members for DEC – open brainstorm

7. Adjourn

- Julien moved to adjourn the meeting, Will seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

2016 Priorities for Energy Committee

Dummerston School Energy Consumption REDUCTION

Dummerston energy consumption – benchmarking

Continue with benchmarking 2010 energy consumption in town

Continually Seek data from fuel providers

Continue charting and trending that data if we can normalize it

Further evaluating and making use of survey results

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