

**Meeting Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, May 1, 2017 @ 6 pm
Dummerston Town Office**

Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm, in attendance were Alex Wilson, Will Collins, Eric Lineback, Stanley Howe and Julien Geiser.

1. Welcome Guests (if any)

No guests were present.

2. Review agenda, add items as needed

Stan had an addition of the Community Center's Lights issue.

3. Approve minutes from April 10, 2017 meeting

Stan moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Eric seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. Community Center Lights

Stan was asked by Jean Momaney to take a look at the light bulbs in the basement of the Community Center. He found that they had old T12 fluorescent fixtures with T8 light bulbs and many of the shades were in need of repair. He is going to give them a number of options, including repairing the existing fixtures, going to T5 fixtures, or LED bulbs. He will also give them an idea of the payback time on each of the options so that they can make an informed decision.

5. Remaining funds from Solarize Dummerston project

Solarize Dummerston was a legal entity with a bank account that was used to organize that project in 2015. There was grant money and other donated funds from solar installation contractors was kept in this account and there is a balance of \$240.02 that was kept in this account. All funding was accounted for and any required reports were submitted to the grantors by Stan.

Motion: Will moved that the balance in the Solarize Dummerston account be incorporated into the Dummerston Energy Committee checking account and that the Solarize Dummerston account be closed. Julien seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, all were in favor of the motion.

6. Solar installations in Dummerston – GMP data

Stan had an action item from last month to get solar installation data for the Energy Chapter but ran into some trouble getting an accurate number of residential and commercial solar installations in Dummerston. He did contact GMP for help but the information they gave him conflicted with solar installation data that he pulled from their website. On GMP's map he found 53 (41 < 10kW) solar producers in Dummerston, generating a total of 558kW, not including the net metered customers without on site solar but participating in a solar sharing program.

Action: Stan is going to reach out to Darlene Phelps at GMP's Net Metering Department for help and clarification.

7. Work session on Energy Chapter of Town Plan

During this discussion it was discovered that the Working Draft of the Energy Plan being modified by the WRC was not our most recent version. We decided that given Sam Farwell's direction, we should merge this Working Draft and our most current draft, note any changes or additions of significance and submit a document with a list of those to Sam for forwarding to the WRC.

Action: Stan is to merge both of these documents and circulate it for review to the other DEC members in advance of the June meeting. Eric will make corrections to his Hemp paragraph based on input from the members at this meeting.

8. New members for DEC – open brainstorm

This will be Julien's last meeting with the Energy Committee.

Doug Morton – A contact of Alex's that might be a great addition to the committee.

Possible Hemp Farmer – Alex is going to put a list together of local farmers that Eric will reach out to over the next month.

9. Windham Regional Commission Enhanced Energy Training Event

Being hosted by the WRC and Stan will attend on this Wednesday evening.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Will moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm, Stan seconded the motion. No discussion, all were in favor.