

MEETING MINUTES
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, October 2, 2017 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office

Members Present: Alex Wilson, Will Collins, Eric Lineback, Peter Thurrell and Smokey Howe

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.

1. Welcomed guests.
 - a. Catie Berg from Transition Dummerston attended to discuss working together on an event (see Item 4 below).
2. Reviewed agenda.
3. Approved minutes from September 11, 2017 meeting.
 - a. Motioned by Peter, seconded by Smokey, approved.
4. Discussed Transition Dummerston and Vermont Button Up Day events.
 - a. As October is a time when people focus on buttoning up their homes, Transition Dummerston is re-visiting the “button-up day” theme with an event on Friday Oct 27th from 7:00-8:30pm.
 - b. Catie is looking for ideas about how DEC can support the effort. A DEC member may be available to speak.
 - c. Discussed various ways to publicize and follow up the event: Front Porch, Dummerston Views newsletter, posters, Conservation Committee email, and weekly town email. As the school is the town’s largest municipal user of energy, Will recommended identifying and inviting those who have submitted petitions as candidates for the school steering committee.

- d. Discussed the possibility of moving the event to a different day due to a conflicting event at the River Garden that same night, or possibly combining the two events there.
 - e. DEC will try to help get Efficiency VT and/or local stores to offer promotional items and discounts. Brainstormed on other ideas for promotions.
5. Stan presented on the Use Portfolio Manager software system for monitoring and analyzing municipal building energy use. See for more info:
<https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager>).
- a. **Action:** Smokey will set up an account and include all committee members, starting with the town office building, and gather relevant info.
 - b. **Action:** Alex will work on getting a blower door test done on the town office.
6. Discussed the covered bridge LED lighting system.
- a. Reviewed current status and options. One light seems to be broken, and parts are no longer available. The fixtures could all use a good cleaning.
 - i. **Action:** Smokey will research options for new gable end fixture replacements.
7. Eric presented on the DEC website.
- a. Discussed ways to enhance the utility of the DEC page.
 - b. **Action:** All members will come up with 5+ links to add to a “Resources” section, with a focus on energy use, efficiency and resiliency.
8. Discussed Energy Chapter of Town Plan.

- a. **Action:** Eric will download a current draft of the plan as posted on the town website to see if the hemp section made it in. If not, he will reach out to the planning committee and submit it for inclusion.
9. Alex presented on the Sustainable Home Tour (happening on October 14th).
- a. The tour will include six homes in total (two are in Dummerston, including Alex's home).
10. Discussed an article about the adoption of electric vehicle regulations in China – and resulting ideas about how DEC can help advance the transition locally from fossil fuels.
11. DEC Officers: Alex proposed to replace himself as committee chair with Eric.
- a. Motioned by Alex, seconded by Will, passed unanimously.
12. New business – none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.