

**Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, May 7, 2018 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:13pm: Smokey Howe, Alex Wilson, Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell and Peter Thurrell were in attendance.
2. No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from April 2, 2018 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex.
 - b. Seconded by Smokey.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. Portfolio Manager for municipal buildings – update (Stan):
 - a. PM website updates are being made, so we should wait until they are included in the trainings before viewing them.
 - b. Peter has chosen not to use the tool. Everyone else is signed up.
 - i. ACTION: Smokey will sign up for training after updates are made.
6. DEC website – update (Eric):
 - a. Revisited and discussed the idea of keeping the site as part of the town site or whether to transfer to a new, standalone site. We agreed that the current set-up would be best for the time being, especially if we can get access to updating it via a CMS. We will also look into recovering and possibly reusing some of the content from the old standalone site.

- i. ACTION: Alex will get the contact info for previous website moderator (Bob Sherwood).
- ii. ACTION: Eric will contact Bob about the old content.
- iii. ACTION: Eric will finalize and send current updates to Kevin Ryan.

7. Covered bridge LED lights – update (Stan):

- a. Work day scheduled for May 19 @ 10am.
- b. Peter should be able to bring his bucket truck.
- c. Need to bring ladders, cleaner, paper towels, air compressor, etc.
 - i. ACTION: Smokey will contact the town garage for road signs and safety vests.
 - ii. ACTION: Smokey will notify the selectboard about the work.

8. “No Idling” campaign – update (Eric):

- a. Eric looked for where the old PO sign ended up. Apparently the property owner (Carter family) took it down. Calvin talked to the PO, and the sign cannot be installed on the leased portion of the property; we need to approach the Carter family again for permission. Calvin has sent a letter and will also inquire about the old missing sign.
 - i. ACTION: Calvin will inquire with Suzanne (former DEC member) about any possible remaining signs.
 - ii. ACTION: Calvin will follow up with the Carter family.
- b. Eric spoke with Jesse and Scott at JB Auto. They are not willing to post a sign at this point.
 - i. ACTION: Peter still needs to approach the school and KOA.
 - ii. ACTION: Alex still needs to contact the Brattleboro Energy Committee about getting access to their educational pamphlets.

iii. ACTION: Alex still needs to approach Scott Farm.

9. WRC REP regarding utility-scale wind energy potential in Windham County – final public hearing update (Eric):

<http://www.windhamregional.org/energy/act-174-energy-planning>

- a. Eric attended the final WRC public hearing on April 12 in Westminster. Of the 8 people who spoke, including Eric, 3 were of the same opinion as us, and 5 were against the new changes.
- b. We reviewed the final draft online; the changes that were made after the initial grassroots resistance to the earlier draft to recognize possible future technology changes were retained.
- c. The process now moves on to the next step with a Department of Public Service public hearing regarding the WRC REP determination of energy compliance.
 - i. ACTION: Calvin will attend the June 5 DPS public hearing in Townshend.

10. VT Climate Action Communities Program – discuss the program and our possible participation (Stan):

<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/90-by-2050/detail/vermont-climate-action-communities-local-government-day-feb-15-2018>

- a. We discussed the program and agreed it looks like something we should participate in.
 - i. ACTION: We will all explore the site and its resources and follow up next month.
 - ii. ACTION: We will work on getting information together for a related *Dummerston Views* newsletter article.

11. Future projects: Promoting electric vehicles? VW settlement funds? Town-approved solar park? Putney Park & Ride? Heat pumps?

a. We continued to discuss all of the above ideas.

i. ACTION: Peter will follow up again with Renaud about considering their gravel pit as a potential future site for a town PV solar park.

b. Alex reached out to our local representatives about the idea of installing electric car charging station(s) and/or a canopy PV solar system at the Putney Park & Ride location on the town line off Route 91, with possible funding from the VW settlement fund. He has heard nothing back yet.

i. ACTION: Alex will follow up with local reps.

12. New business: None.

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. Next meeting will be June 4 at 6:00pm.