

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, June 4, 2018 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:21pm: Alex Wilson, Eric Lineback and Calvin Farwell were in attendance. Alex arrived late after attending the BEC meeting beforehand. Calvin had to leave early due to a prior commitment. Thus, the meeting was cut short and we were not able to cover all agenda items.
2. No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda – added two new items:
 - a. Recent purchase of Maple Valley Ski Area (see below).
 - b. Brattleboro Energy Committee (BEC) meeting and their discussion of hiring a town Energy Coordinator (see below).
4. Approved minutes from May 7, 2018 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex.
 - b. Seconded by Eric.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. Portfolio Manager for municipal buildings – update (Stan): This item was skipped and will be addressed in our next meeting.
6. DEC website – update (Eric): Updates are still being finalized.
7. Covered bridge LED lights – final report and follow-up (Stan): This item was skipped and will be addressed in our next meeting.
8. “No Idling” campaign – update (Eric):

- a. Calvin confirmed with Suzanne that 7-8 signs had been made previously, and all were used.
 - i. ACTION: Calvin will contact Chris Derby to determine where all the signs were posted.
 - b. Calvin did not receive a reply from the Carter family. We decided to hold off for the time being on any further efforts to get a new sign put up at the West Dummerston post office.
 - c. Alex contacted the BEC, and they sent all of their related materials, including the educational pamphlet copy that we were looking for. We will review and re-use those materials for our own efforts as appropriate.
 - d. Alex contacted Scott Farm and secured their interest in posting a sign there.
 - e. We discussed a few new possible locations: Exit 4 Sunoco, West Hill Bike Shop, King Boat Works, Kampfires Campground and Maple Valley Ski Area (future).
 - i. ACTION: Eric will order six new signs.
 - ii. ACTION: Peter still needs to approach the school and KOA.
9. WRC REP – Department of Public Service public hearing on June 5 in Townshend regarding determination of energy compliance (Eric):
- <http://www.windhamregional.org/energy/act-174-energy-planning>
- a. ACTION: Calvin will attend the hearing and report back.
10. VT Climate Action Communities Program – update (Stan): This item was skipped and will be addressed in our next meeting.
- <https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/90-by-2050/detail/vermont-climate-action-communities-local-government-day-feb-15-2018>

11. Future projects: Promoting electric vehicles? VW settlement funds? Town-approved solar park? Putney Park & Ride? Heat pumps?
 - a. This item was skipped and will be addressed in our next meeting.
12. Recent purchase of Maple Valley Ski Area – DEC involvement? (Eric):
 - a. We briefly discussed the recent purchase and its potential ramifications for the town and region. We agreed that DEC should reach out to the new owners regarding our potential involvement in the planning process as it relates to energy use/conservation and carbon footprint.
 - i. ACTION: Eric will reach out to Keane Aures of Sugar Mountain Holdings to express our willingness to help in whatever way we can regarding the development of their vision for the property.
 - ii. We will continue the discussion in our next meeting.
13. Brattleboro Energy Committee (BEC) meeting and their discussion of hiring a town Energy Coordinator – report (Alex): This item was skipped and will be addressed in our next meeting.
14. New business: None.
15. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. Next meeting will be July 2 at 6:00pm.