

MINUTES
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, February 11, 2019 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Stan Howe and Calvin Farwell were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: Added item #16 below (possible town resolution).
4. Approved minutes from January 14, 2019 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Stan.
 - b. Seconded by Eric.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. Town solar bills from Sky Solar project – update (Stan):
 - a. No current updates.
 - b. ACTION: Stan will meet with town treasurer to discuss.
6. 2018 Town Report write-up for DEC – update (Eric):
 - a. Alex drafted it, Stan and Calvin reviewed and commented, Eric finalized and submitted.
7. Portfolio Manager for municipal buildings – update (Stan):
 - a. No current updates.
 - b. ACTION: Stan and Eric will collect the rest of the 2018 data soon.
 - c. ACTION: Stan will conduct a demo at our next meeting.
8. “No Idling” campaign – update (Eric):
 - a. We are finding that the 18” x 24” signs are too large and not appropriate for all uses.

- b. ACTION: Eric will order a set of smaller ones.
 - c. ACTION: Stan will check with the school to see which size they prefer.
9. Recent purchase of Maple Valley Ski Area: DEC involvement? – update (Eric):
- a. No current updates.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will continue to try to schedule something with Keane.
10. Potential funding opportunities for Park & Ride EV charging stations – update (Eric):
- a. Application for next round is not available yet. It is due on 4/30.
 - b. ACTION: Calvin will monitor status and do an initial application review.
11. Participation in Northern Forest Center’s “Feel Good Heat” campaign and WRC’s Windham Wood Heat Initiative – update (Eric):
- a. We are waiting for marketing and educational materials, and we discussed various ways we can get the word out.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will follow up with Maura.
- “Burned” movie screening – update (Calvin):
- a. No current updates.
 - b. ACTION: Calvin will follow up to get upcoming local screening dates.
- <https://feelgoodheat.org/>
12. New heat pump at town office to replace current AC and electric heat – update (Stan):
- a. No further bids have been received.
 - b. Eric notified the selectboard about our budget recommendation.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will inquire whether the project made it into the budget.
 - d. ACTION: Stan will start assembling an ROI estimate.
13. Potential future town purchase of Renaud gravel pit on Route 5 – update (Eric):
- a. No current updates.

- b. ACTION: Eric will check with Lee to see if he still wants to present something at a future DEC meeting, as well as check to see if we can get a copy of the engineer's report.

14. Future projects and priorities for 2019: Promote electric vehicles and electric bikes?

Develop a town-approved solar park? Promote heat pumps? Biomass?

- a. Eric suggested we actively start looking into the idea of the town/region growing biomass (such as hemp, switchgrass and kenaf) as a source for heating (pellets) and biofuel production, which would help lower our carbon footprint and bolster our resiliency in light of climate change.

15. New business: No new business.

16. Possible resolution for town meeting:

- a. Calvin raised the idea of promoting a possible town resolution regarding climate change, but it's too late for next town meeting.

17. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. Next meeting will be March 4, 2019 at 6:00pm.