

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:18pm:
 - a. Stan Howe, Eric Lineback, Alex Wilson and Calvin Farwell were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No items were added.
4. Approved minutes from July 1, 2019 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Eric.
 - b. Seconded by Alex.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. New heat pump at town office to replace current AC and electric heat:
 - a. Conducted final review of ROI analysis and finalized recommendations.
 - b. Data does not support an attractive ROI; however, the town may decide to move forward for other reasons such as comfort, convenience and/or health.
 - c. Discussed other possible related initiatives, including updating thermostats, replacing windows, and conducting an energy audit.
 - d. ACTION: Eric will summarize our results and recommendations for the Selectboard.
6. Maple Valley:
 - a. Discussed Alex's recent meeting on site with owner Keane Aures.

- b. Alex gave a summary of his visit to the building and property: plans and timeframe have not changed; recent landslide due to heavy rains; making effort to work with neighbors.
- 7. *Physics Today* article about hydrogen energy and storage:
 - a. Reviewed and discussed new hydrogen storage and delivery technologies being developed around the world and particularly in Australia.
- 8. Town energy plan:
 - a. Discussed looking into possible updates to plan.
 - b. ACTION: All will review most recent town plan energy chapter.
 - c. Agenda for next meeting will include discussing possible plan updates, as well as how the town can leverage people's attention and influence energy choices.
- 9. New business:
 - a. Discussed other possible ways to save energy at the town office.
 - b. Stan motioned to use DEC funds for an energy efficiency audit and use that data to make recommendations to the Selectboard.
 - c. Seconded by Alex.
 - d. Unanimously approved.
 - e. ACTION: Stan will set up an audit once the weather turns colder.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm. Next meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 6:00pm, pending possible conflicts.