

**Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, October 7, 2019 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm:
 - 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 August 12, 2019 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Calvin.
 - b. Seconded by Stan.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. New heat pump at town office to replace current AC and electric heat:
 - a. Discussed recent Selectboard actions: they are moving forward and getting two quotes for installing a Daikin system; they approved up to \$6,500 for the project.
 - b. Eric motioned that we inquire about the status of the project and point out the reliability concern with the Daikin system that we had previously determined.
 - i. Seconded by Calvin.
 - ii. Unanimously approved.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will put together and send a brief letter to the Selectboard.
6. Town office energy audit:

- a. Alex motioned that we contact Farnum Insulators to schedule an audit if the cost is \$600 or less.
 - i. Seconded by Stan.
 - ii. Unanimously approved.
- b. ACTION: Stan will contact Farnum to discuss timing, cost and logistics of an audit.

7. DEC annual budget request:

- a. Eric motioned that we request \$300 for FY2021 and mention the energy audits we are planning to do (town office and possibly WDFD West station).
- b. Seconded by Alex.
- c. Unanimously approved.

8. West Dummerston Fire Department:

- a. We discussed a request for help with improving the West station energy efficiency; Stan and Eric both replied to the request but have not heard anything back yet.
- b. ACTION: Stan will follow up again with Rich and suggest we visit the station to assess their current lighting situation with the goal of providing a proposal to them.
- c. They are also looking for other energy recommendations regarding doors, windows and other infrastructure; we think an energy audit would make sense.

9. Covered Bridge: Should I Wait or Should I Go?:

- a. We discussed the process for determining a proper protocol and best practices for minimizing bridge wait times and wasted energy.
- b. ACTION: Calvin will initiate and work with Eric on an analysis and report.

10. Stan resignation from DEC:

- a. Stan discussed his intent to resign after the March town meeting; we hope we can convince him otherwise!

11. Town energy plan:

- a. We bumped this item to the next meeting for discussion of possible updates, as well as how the town can leverage people's attention and influence energy choices.
- b. ACTION: All will read the Energy section of the current town plan and focus on pages 72 and 73.

12. New business: No new business.

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. Next meeting will be November 4, 2019 at 6:00pm.