

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 6pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Doug Morton and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No items added.
4. Approved minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Eric; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. Proposed Brattleboro biomass facility (at Long Falls Paperboard):
 - a. Eric updated the committee on further information he had gathered from Adam Grinold at BDCC about the project cancellation.
6. West Dummerston Fire Department:
 - a. Doug met with an overhead door sales rep from Champion; we received and reviewed their estimate; we will get one more estimate from Keene Door.
 - b. We discussed how, if possible, to determine an estimated ROI.
 - c. We need to determine if the estimates include old door disposal; we also need to see how we can compare the estimates on an equivalent basis, as they use slightly different specs.
 - d. Eric suggested that we ask WDFD for an action plan for implementing our recommendations and then decide on what amount of funds we would donate to the project.
 - e. ACTION: Doug will add cost estimates.
 - f. ACTION: Doug will get one more estimate from Keene Door.
 - g. ACTION: Alex will look into Efficiency Vermont options.
 - h. ACTION: Eric will finalize the report and send to WDFD.

7. SEON's Virtual Home Tour:
 - a. None of the DEC members were able to attend.
 - b. ACTION: Doug will send the link to the event recording to DEC.
8. Covered bridge lights:
 - a. We reviewed the situation and next steps.
 - b. Alex had looked into new system options and current technology and obtained two spec sheets for recommended systems; we reviewed those and agreed we should also look into other lower-cost options as well.
 - c. ACTION: Calvin will contact the local distributor and get pricing info for the two systems, as well as two lower-cost options (low & mid range).
 - d. ACTION: Calvin will contact Stan Howe about the current gable lights.
9. Dummerston town annual report:
 - a. ACTION: Eric will write the report and submit to the town.
10. VECAN Community Energy and Climate Action Conference:
 - a. Going on this week; not sure if anybody will be able to attend.
11. REV2020 Conference:
 - a. Going on this week; not sure if anybody will be able to attend.
12. New business:
 - a. Alex informed the committee that the Vermont Climate Economy Action Team has started back up again; Alex is a member and will keep us informed.
 - b. Doug updated the committee on a new OkoFen pellet boiler system that also uses a Sterling engine to generate electricity; he will send further info.
 - c. Alex discussed the PurpleAir.com air quality monitoring network that a local resident is participating in; he will send the link and we will monitor the results.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on January 4, 2021 at 6:00pm.