

**Minutes**  
**Dummerston Energy Committee**  
**Monday, February 1, 2021 @ 6pm**  
**Online via Zoom**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm:
  - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Doug Morton and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Eric; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD):
  - a. We received the third and final overhead door estimate (from Keene Door).
  - b. We are working with a consultant from Efficiency Vermont to do a cost savings analysis based on upgrading the overhead doors; we are waiting on various information from WDFD; Eric will submit the report once we have that.
  - c. ACTION: Doug will continue working with WDFD to get the final info we need.
  - d. ACTION: Eric will finalize the report and send to WDFD as soon as we have the completed cost savings analysis from EV.
6. Covered bridge lights:
  - a. Calvin updated us on his research so far.
  - b. The gable lights are currently on a photo sensor along with the interior lights.
  - c. Should each individual light have a motion sensor, or should there just be one at each end of the bridge?
  - d. ACTION: Calvin will continue gathering specs and cost info for several good/better/best options.

7. Vermont 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP):
  - a. We plan to submit public comments on the RFI document; the deadline was extended to February 15, 2021; we plan to recommend that biomass/hemp be considered as a possible pathway to achieving the state's goals.
  - b. ACTION: Eric will write up a draft of our comments, send to the committee for review, and then submit to the state.
8. Transportation Modernization Act (H.94):
  - a. Eric provided an update on this new piece of legislation; reps Burke, Toleno and Mrowicki are among the cosponsors.
  - b. We will continue to monitor any developments.
9. 2021 Projects & Goals:
  - a. Engage more this year with the Button Up Vermont program; possibly start the process earlier than the usual fall timeframe.
  - b. Consider conducting another town survey to follow up on the one completed for the Solarize Dummerston project; add questions about electric vehicles as well; what kind of participation rates are we seeing here?
10. New business:
  - a. We discussed inviting our local state legislators to an upcoming DEC meeting.
  - b. ACTION: Eric will reach out to our delegation and extend an invitation.
  - c. Alex provided an update on the CHP system that Allard Lumber recently installed; we plan to participate in a site tour.
  - d. ACTION: Alex will follow up with Cliff Allard about arranging a tour.
  - e. ACTION: Alex will reach out to a potential new DEC member.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on March 1, 2021 at 6:00pm.