

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm:
  - 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 February 1, 2021 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Eric; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD):
  - a. The consultant from Efficiency Vermont (EV) completed the cost savings analysis based on upgrading the overhead doors; Eric will now be able to finalize and submit the report.
  - b. ACTION: Doug will follow up with EV about any incentives they may be able to offer.
  - c. ACTION: Eric will research propane pricing data to determine an ROI, finalize the report and send to WDFD.
6. Covered bridge lights:
  - a. Calvin updated us on his continuing research.
  - b. ACTION: Calvin will continue gathering specs and cost info for several good/better/best options, including motion and dimming options.
7. Vermont 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP):
  - a. Eric is working on comments regarding biomass/hemp as a possible pathway to achieving the state's goals.

- b. ACTION: Eric will complete a final 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 a recent VECAN webinar he attended regarding this new piece of legislation and shared a presentation by Robb Kidd of the Sierra Club.
- b. We will continue to monitor any developments.

9. EVSE Grant:

- a. We revisited the idea of installing an EV charging station along Route 30 in Dummerston; possible sites include the Park & Ride lot at the covered bridge or Maple Valley.
- b. The current EVSE grant program has been exhausted, but more funds may become available through the TMA (see above).

10. Weatherization for All initiative:

- a. Eric provided an update on this initiative, also being called the “Warm and Healthy Homes” program, designed to create jobs and combat climate change.
- b. The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy is calling on the state to weatherize 120,000 homes over the next 10 years.
- c. We will continue to monitor any developments.

11. Local state reps meeting:

- a. ACTION: Eric will invite our local state legislators to an upcoming DEC meeting.

12. Allard Lumber CHP system tour:

- a. We discussed and decided to wait until spring for a tour, because of both COVID-19 and the winter weather.

13. Potential new DEC member:

- a. We continued the discussion and planned for follow-up.

- b. ACTION: Eric will reach out to the candidate.
- 14. 2021 Projects & Goals:
  - a. Due to time constraints, we tabled this continued discussion until next month.
- 15. New business:
  - a. We discussed hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV), and in particular the technology that Toyota is working on; this could be the future of electric vehicles.
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on April 5, 2021 at 6:00pm.