

**Minutes  
Dummerston Energy Committee  
Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 6pm  
Online via Zoom**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm:
  - 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 April 5, 2021 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Eric; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD):
  - a. Eric sent the final energy audit report on April 7 to co-captains Richard Cogliano and Rick Looman, as well as to the Selectboard.
  - b. There has been no response from anybody at the WDFD yet.
6. Covered bridge lights:
  - a. Calvin updated us on his continuing research; he has faced a challenge getting timely information from local suppliers; it looks like the project could cost somewhere in the range of \$8,000+ including equipment and labor.
  - b. Eric reached out to Laurie to see if there have been any comments or complaints from residents; there have been none to date.
  - c. We discussed funding options; if there are no funds available in the current capital fund, the town may need to warrant the project cost in the town's next budget at town meeting in 2022.
  - d. ACTION: Calvin will continue gathering specs and cost info for several good/better/best options, including motion and dimming options.

- e. ACTION: Alex will reach out to his contact at Philips Lighting (who donated the original existing equipment) to see if they are willing to do so again.
7. Allard Lumber CHP system tour:
- a. We will shoot for a tour in July or August; Alex will make arrangements when appropriate.
8. Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI):
- a. We discussed current developments; groups like VPIRG have been working hard to raise awareness and generate pressure on legislators to have Vermont join the initiative; local media has been covering the issue.
  - b. We will consider writing a letter of support to our local reps and the Scott administration.
9. Global Warming Solutions Act (Act 153) Climate Council and Climate Action Plan:
- a. No updates at this time; we will invite the town's new WRC rep (Todd Davidson) to provide us with regular updates in the future.
  - b. ACTION: Calvin will reach out to Chris Campany at the WRC about the Council's progress.
10. Potential new DEC member:
- a. Eric updated the committee on a potential new member to whom he has reached out; the candidate is considering joining the committee.
11. New business:
- a. We continued to discuss EVs and current incentive programs; the amount of paperwork involved can be significant; the state program is close to running out of funds; there do not appear to be any incentives for buying used EVs.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on June 7, 2021 at 6:00pm.