

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm:
 - 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 June 7, 2021 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Doug; unanimously approved.
5. FY2023 town budget request:
 - a. The consensus was to request \$0 for FY2023.
6. West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD):
 - a. Doug reported that two of the vendors had provided new bids (higher by about 8%); Champion Overhead Doors still has the best price.
 - b. We haven't heard an update from anybody at WDFD.
 - c. We are still willing to kick in some money towards the needed work.
7. Covered bridge lights:
 - a. Calvin reported that the project is at a standstill; only focused on the interior lights at this point (only four are functioning today).
 - b. Calvin has received quotes from two different companies (one with two different wattages); the more recent quotes are a lot higher; he has heard that all building materials went sky-high, but are now dropping back somewhat; there could be a modest discount for purchasing eight fixtures at once.

- c. Zeke told Calvin that the Selectboard is not getting any flak about the missing lights.
 - d. Alex reported that he reached out to Philips to ask if they are able to donate new fixtures; he hasn't heard back yet and may not; he estimates a 20% chance of getting product donated.
 - e. The decision was made to not make a recommendation at this time.
8. Bernie Sanders Virtual Climate Town Meeting:
- a. Calvin, Doug and Alex participated.
 - b. Calvin summarized a couple points: Bernie was all for incentives that are applied at the point of sale; incentives could also be in the form of a loan.
9. Global Warming Solutions Act (Act 153) Climate Council and Climate Action Plan:
- a. We're following the news.
 - b. The council is supposed to come out with a draft proposal in December that the legislature will consider.
 - c. We will keep this item on the agenda and see what's new by then.
10. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:
- a. Alex reached out to other town Energy Committees at the Bernie Sanders town meeting; Thetford has already developed a buyer's guide; Calvin suggested that we start with what's already been produced.
 - b. Doug reported on his research to date; there are now incentives for used EVs.
 - c. Doug and Alex feel strongly that plug-in hybrids should be included in addition to 100% EVs; the guide should include a list/map of local charging locations; we will create a draft buyer's guide, pulling much from Thetford, and discuss at the next meeting.

- d. ACTION: We will all review the Thetford info on EVs, PHEVs and eBikes; we will think about what portions of the buyer's guide we'd like to take on; we will work on starting a list of people who could be "ambassadors."

11. Button Up campaign:

- a. This item was postponed until our next meeting.

12. Potential new DEC member:

- a. This item was postponed until our next meeting.

13. New business: No new business.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm. Next meeting will be held on October 4, 2021 at 6:00pm at the town office.