

**Minutes  
Dummerston Energy Committee  
Monday, October 4, 2021 @ 6pm  
Dummerston Town Office and Zoom**

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: Mark Kracum joined the meeting.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Eric; unanimously approved.
5. Covered bridge lights:
  - a. Calvin reported fixture price increases; only three lights are functioning now.
  - b. We agreed that whatever fixtures we get should be repairable with replaceable components.
  - c. We agreed to consider going with consumer grade fixtures instead of commercial grade; we will look into it (pros/cons/pricing).
  - d. ACTION: Eric will check if the bridge insurance policy has any specific lighting requirements.
  - e. We also discussed whether 8 interior lights are really necessary; perhaps 4 would be fine?
  - f. Alex reported that he heard back from Philips about donating new fixtures; they are considering the proposal; he feels we now have a decent chance of getting product donated (or at least discounted); we decided to hold off on a recommendation to the Selectboard until we confirm with Philips.

6. Global Warming Solutions Act (Act 153) Climate Council and Climate Action Plan:
  - a. We're continuing to follow the news; there have been several in-person and online meetings seeking public input and feedback lately.
  - b. The council is supposed to come out with a draft proposal by December 1 that the legislature will consider.
7. REV2021 Annual Conference:
  - a. Eric reminded the committee about this upcoming online event and encouraged members to attend.
  - b. Part One of the event ("Innovations in Climate Action") is October 18-19.
8. Button Up campaign:
  - a. This campaign is happening now during the month of October; we should make sure everyone is aware of the incentives available.
  - b. ACTION: Eric will ask Laurie to send info out to the town email list.
9. Potential new DEC member:
  - a. Mark Kracum has expressed interest in joining DEC.
  - b. We voted to recommend his candidacy to the Selectboard; motioned by Alex; seconded by Doug; all in favor.
  - c. ACTION: If Mark decides to join, Eric will let the Selectboard know.
10. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:
  - a. We discussed how best to work with and build off of the Thetford buyer's guide; with proper permission, we will use their info and re-create the guide on our website; we will include links to external resources; how best to keep the info current?
  - b. We will also include info on PHEVs, eBikes, electric mowers, and electric snowblowers.

- c. ACTION: Eric will reach out to Kevin about the project and expected website needs; he will also reach out to Laurie about alerting residents and seeking their assistance; he will also reach out to neighbor John Quain (a local tech blogger and product tester) to ask for his involvement and input.

11. New business: No new business.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm. Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2021 at 6:00pm at the town office.