

**Minutes**  
**Dummerston Energy Committee**  
**Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 6pm**  
**Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm:
  - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Mark Kracum, and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Calvin; unanimously approved.
5. Covered bridge lights:
  - a. Alex provided an update; he received the 10 new lights, and Stan now has them in storage until ready for install; Stan has inspected one unit and determined that they will fit onto the existing mounts.
  - b. Depending on Stan's schedule, we plan to install them in late April or early May; we will coordinate with the town to provide a proper heads up about possible traffic delays and to manage traffic control.
  - c. ACTION: Eric will follow up with Stan to coordinate installation.
6. Federal infrastructure bill – what does it mean for Dummerston?:
  - a. Alex emailed the Selectboard about the idea for possibly using some of these funds to build a sewage treatment system for West Dummerston Village, which we believe should be formally proposed by resident(s) of that village; he has not yet received a response from the Selectboard.

- b. Doug reached out to the Selectboard to ask about their general plans and process for the use of the \$182,575.44 in funds coming to Dummerston; he has not yet received a response; he will continue to follow up, as will Eric.

7. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:

- a. The proposed Buyers Guide will link to the existing Thetford resource; we will expand upon that by developing our own resource for other electrification possibilities, such as yard equipment and tools.
- b. We need to determine the best way to assemble our “Ambassadors,” such as an article in the *Views of Dummerston*, use of the town email list, and surveys.
- c. ACTION: Eric and Doug will continue to coordinate with Kevin about the project and any expected website needs.

8. BikePed project proposal:

- a. We discussed the proposal further and agreed to encourage Daniel to approach the Selectboard directly; as we don’t have a real “downtown” or sidewalks, we do not see a significant need for this; nor do we have the resources within our committee to commit.
- b. ACTION: Eric will follow up with Daniel.

9. Efficiency Vermont town energy assessment:

- a. Eric informed the committee that he has forwarded the information about this free offer to the Selectboard for action.

10. VNRC Climate Action and Resilience in Vermont Webinar Series:

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

11. VECAN 2022 Workshop Series:

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

12. VECAN Electrify Everything Town Hall:

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

13. VCC Climate Action Plan Public Forums:

- a. Eric provided an update.

14. Vermont FY23 Budget Bill (H.740):

- a. Eric provided an update.

15. Transportation Innovation Act (H.552):

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

16. Environmental Justice Bill (S.148):

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

17. Clean Heat Standard Bill (H.715):

- a. Eric provided an update.
- b. ACTION: Doug will look more into this and report on it at the next meeting.

18. Municipal Energy Resilience Initiatives Bill (H.518):

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

19. New business:

- a. Calvin highlighted a couple recent articles regarding the Ford F150 EV truck and oil companies being on the defensive regarding the move towards EVs.
- b. We discussed the recent installation of a pellet boiler system at the Dummerston school; we had suggested this years ago, and are happy that it finally happened.

20. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. Next meeting will be held on May 2, 2022 at 6:00pm at the town office (or via Zoom if necessary).