

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 6pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Doug Morton, and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Doug; unanimously approved.
5. Covered bridge lights:
 - a. Stan has installed the remaining interior lights.
 - b. Stan, Eric and Calvin will install the final two gable lights on Sunday morning.
 - c. Eric suggested increasing the sensitivity of the photocells and decreasing the length of time that the lights remain on.
 - d. Alex has lined up someone to take photos of the completed project to send to the manufacturer/donor for their PR purposes.
 - e. ACTION: Eric will update the SB when the project is complete.
6. Federal infrastructure bill – what does it mean for Dummerston?:
 - a. The SB will be meeting next week on July 20 to review submitted project ideas for the \$521,000 that the town will receive.
 - b. See #7 below.

7. West Dummerston Village wastewater project proposal:
 - a. Doug motioned, Alex seconded, and all were in favor of sending a letter to the SB proposing that some ARPA funding be put towards exploring the idea of developing a wastewater treatment system for West Dummerston Village.
 - b. ACTION: Alex will draft the letter and the committee will review it; Eric will send the final letter to the SB by end of day Friday.
 - c. ACTION: Alex and Doug will continue their research.
8. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:
 - a. Doug and Eric are working on a piece promoting the ambassador program for the *Views of Dummerston* and town email list.
 - b. We discussed privacy issues in regards to publishing the ambassadors' contact info; we may end up referring any requests privately instead.
 - c. Doug is in touch and working with Kevin to update the website and add links to relevant resources.
9. Efficiency Vermont town energy assessment:
 - a. Eric got an update from Zeke; the assessment has not yet been scheduled.
 - b. DEC will participate and help when it does happen.
10. New business:
 - a. Calvin provided an update on his outreach to Frank Rutker, the CFO of the WSESU, about the district converting to the use of electric-powered school buses; we discussed the idea of the WSESU applying for grant funding to test the concept.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. There will be no meeting in August. Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2022 at 6:00pm at the town office (or via Zoom if necessary).