

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 7pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Doug Morton, and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. We welcomed Lee Chamberlin, Dummerston Highway Foreman, as a guest.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Eric; unanimously approved.
5. Town garage solar power project:
 - a. Lee presented his ideas regarding adding a solar PV system to the town garage.
 - b. We discussed the possibility of doing a distributed system across various town buildings.
 - c. There are multiple grants and incentives available, including town ARPA funds, that could help pay for the system.
 - d. We also discussed replacing the lighting in the town garage with more efficient LED fixtures, which Efficiency Vermont had recommended after their visit and assessment (see #8 below).
 - e. ACTION: Eric will reach out to Stan about getting involved.
 - f. ACTION: We need to contact 2-3 installers to get the ball rolling.
6. Town 2022 annual report:
 - a. Our piece for the annual town report is due soon.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will work on a draft and submit.

7. Covered bridge lights:
 - a. Stan, Eric and Calvin attempted to install the final two gable lights, but different mounts were needed, and the project was put on hold.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will reach out to Stan about getting the proper mounts and finishing the project (any minor costs could be covered by DEC funds).
8. Efficiency Vermont town energy assessment:
 - a. The assessment has been completed, and recommendations were made regarding the Town Office, Town Garage, and the Community Center.
 - b. A report was sent to the Selectboard, and we have passed along the info to all relevant parties.
 - c. ACTION: We will facilitate moving forward with the recommendations.
 - d. ACTION: Doug will follow up with Zeke.
9. West Dummerston Village wastewater treatment project proposal:
 - a. We sent a letter to the Selectboard proposing that some town ARPA funding be put towards exploring the idea of developing a wastewater treatment system for West Dummerston Village.
 - b. Eric and Doug researched options for funding a feasibility study, and it seems that with state support there would be no cost to the town for conducting such a study.
 - c. Eric and Doug presented the proposal to the Selectboard in person as well.
 - d. We discussed water/sewer system upgrade grants available from the Agency of Natural Resources.
 - e. We feel that there will likely be no traction on this unless and until the residents of the West Village get involved; the project needs someone "local" to champion it.
 - f. ACTION: We need to bring the residents of the West Village up to speed on things and pass the baton.

10. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:

- a. We discussed the current state of education and awareness regarding EVs and whether or not this is something that is still needed.
- b. ACTION: Next steps to be determined.

11. Maple Valley project updates:

- a. The developers have appealed the Act 250 District Commission decision, in particular regarding parking and live outdoor music issues.
- b. ACTION: We are keeping in touch with them and following any developments.

12. Clean Energy Development Fund:

- a. Eric provided an update.

13. 2023 Consolidated Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) Model:

- a. Eric provided an update.

14. New business: No new business.

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm. Next meeting will be held on January 9, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom.