

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 6pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:14pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, and Alex Wilson were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. We welcomed Stan Howe as a guest.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items.
4. Approved minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Eric; unanimously approved.
5. Town solar power project:
 - a. We filled Stan in on the possible town distributed solar PV system project (town garage, town office, fire stations, community center, school, other?).
 - b. Stan mentioned the importance of assessing the condition of any roofs involved; we discussed next steps.
 - c. We also discussed replacing the lighting in the town garage with more efficient LED fixtures (see #7 below).
 - d. ACTION: We need to contact 2-3 installers to get the ball rolling.
6. Covered bridge lights:
 - a. Stan got the new mounts for the final two gable lights.
 - b. ACTION: We will meet with Stan on the morning of 2/19 to finish the installation.
7. Efficiency Vermont town energy assessment (Town Garage):
 - a. We filled Stan in on the assessment and resulting recommendations.

- b. ACTION: Stan will do some research on LED lighting options and make a recommendation.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will check on Efficiency Vermont rebate requirements.
 - d. ACTION: We need to contact 2-3 installers to get the ball rolling.
8. Dummerston Community Center energy assessment:
- a. We filled Stan in on the EV assessment and their resulting recommendations.
 - b. Alex reported on his and Doug's recent visit to the Center; the top priority will be the water heater replacement.
 - c. ACTION: Alex and Doug will put together a written report.
 - d. ACTION: We need to contact 2-3 water heater installers to get the ball rolling.
9. VOD article:
- a. Eric submitted something for publication in the next VOD with a call for new DEC members.
 - b. See #10 below.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will reach out to folks who had previously expressed some interest.
10. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes:
- a. Eric submitted something for publication in the next VOD in order to assess town interest in an Ambassador Program.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will request that Laurie send a town email as well and will collect any feedback.
11. 2023 Environmental Common Agenda:
- a. Eric provided an update.
12. Municipal Energy Resilience Grant Program (Act 172):
- a. Eric provided an update.
 - b. Alex discussed the idea of creating a "resiliency hub" here in town, possibly funded in part by a grant.

13. Affordable Heat Act (S.5):

- a. Eric provided an update.

14. New business:

- a. Calvin asked about the EPA online tracking/benchmarking program that we had started using a few years ago; it was not all that useful for our needs.
- b. Calvin brought up an article (Op-Ed) that appeared in VTDigger recently regarding the state's approach to climate change mitigation and the idea of modeling Vermont's program on that of Maine; we discussed possibly forwarding that piece to our state legislators for consideration.

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm. Next meeting will be held on March 6, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom.