

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 5:30pm
Dummerston Community Center

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Alex Wilson, Thomas Nolan, and Doug Morton were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. We welcomed Community Center board members Randy Hickin and Paul Chapman.
3. Reviewed agenda:
 - a. No new items were added.
4. Approved minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Doug; unanimously approved.
5. Community Center improvements & upgrades:
 - a. Eric reviewed the previous Efficiency Vermont assessment of the building.
 - b. We all did a walk-through of the basement area.
 - c. Doug discussed the MERP application; the Community Center will be getting a Level 2 energy assessment.
 - d. Randy and Paul updated the committee on all the projects that they have completed (or are working on) with ARPA funding assistance: water heater replacement, new well pump, new windows, baseboard heating in the basement, air exchanger, window quilts, basement floor sealing, and drainage work.
 - e. Paul reviewed the building's current energy usage.

- f. We discussed potential future projects that could benefit from MERP funding: foundation insulation, furnace replacement, and general weatherization.
 - g. The CC board is working on a strategic plan and defining the future uses of the building; we agreed to continue working together closely on any building improvement projects.
6. Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP):
- a. Doug and Eric provided a brief update on the energy assessments application process; we are finalizing the application which is close to complete.
 - b. ACTION: We need to determine whether the Historical Society building is town-owned and, if so, add it to the application.
 - c. ACTION: Alex will continue working on the idea of a town resiliency hub.
 - d. ACTION: Doug will finalize the assessments application and continue working on collecting the required information from the town.
7. 2023 Button Up Vermont Program:
- a. Calvin and Eric updated the committee on the actions taken.
 - b. Eric drafted a town-wide informational email that was sent out by Laurie.
 - c. Eric and Calvin distributed promotional materials to the town office, town library, Community Center, WDFD, etc.
8. DEC meeting location, day and time – renewed discussion:
- a. There was not enough time to cover this item; it will be added to the next agenda.
9. Potential new DEC members:
- a. There was not enough time to cover this item; it will be added to the next agenda.
10. Town garage lighting:
- a. There was not enough time to cover this item; it will be added to the next agenda.
11. Town solar power project:
- a. There was not enough time to cover this item; it will be added to the next agenda.

12. Electric vehicles (EVs) and eBikes Ambassador Program:

- a. There was not enough time to cover this item; it will be added to the next agenda.

13. New business:

- a. No new business.

14. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm. Next meeting will be held on November 6, 2023 at 5:30pm via Zoom.