

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:37pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell, Doug Morton, Alex Wilson, and Thomas Nolan were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda:
 - a. No new items were added.
4. Approved minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Thomas; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. Potential funding for WDFD:
 - a. The idea of possibly using MERP mini-grant funding for a WDFD energy efficiency project was discussed.
 - b. It was pointed out, however, that MERP funds may not be used for this purpose, as the WDFD facility is not owned by the town.
6. Community Center improvements & upgrades:
 - a. Basement insulation is high on the priority list; missed opportunity to address that when doing drainage work on foundation exterior.
 - b. CC board has been keeping the Selectboard updated.
7. Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP):
 - a. We have collected all of the energy use data, but are still in the process of collecting other requested information.

- b. ACTION: Doug and Eric will continue working on collecting the remaining info.
 - c. ACTION: Doug and Eric will complete the data entry work.
- 8. DEC meeting location, day and time:
 - a. We will hold off on this discussion until we have some new members on board.
- 9. Potential new DEC members:
 - a. We further discussed some prospects, as well as the idea of broadening the scope of the committee, updating our mission statement, and changing the committee name accordingly – which we hope will help generate wider interest in getting involved.
 - b. Thomas proposed the idea of working with neighboring towns to form a regional energy committee in order to combine and align efforts.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will write up a blurb accordingly for town email distribution and the next issue of *Views of Dummerston*.
 - d. ACTION: Thomas will follow up with a potential new member he has identified.
- 10. Town solar power project:
 - a. Is there a conflict with GMP or the current solar project? Thomas was not ready to report on this yet, but will do so at our next meeting.
 - b. ACTION: Thomas will follow up with GMP and do further research.
- 11. Town resiliency project:
 - a. We were unable to discuss this project, as Alex had to leave the meeting early.
 - b. ACTION: Alex will continue developing the idea.
- 12. New business:
 - a. Eric discussed some exciting new wind energy technologies and developments.
 - b. Doug discussed new developments concerning residential-scale CO₂ scrubbers.
- 13. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. Next meeting will be held on February 5, 2024 at 5:30pm via Zoom.