

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, March 4, 2024 @ 5:30pm
Online via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:43pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Alex Wilson, Doug Morton, and Thomas Nolan were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. Jess (last name?) and Nick Boyarko were present.
3. Reviewed agenda:
 - a. No new items were added.
4. Approved minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Thomas; seconded by Alex; unanimously approved.
5. Town garage lighting report:
 - a. Doug attended the MERP assessment along with Lee on February 13, which went well; we are waiting for the report.
 - b. Alex moved that we grant up to \$2,500 from DEC's available funds towards the project (turns out we cannot use MERP mini-grant funds); Doug seconded and the motion was unanimously approved; the town will likely also commit some ARPA funds as well.
 - c. The first priority is to fix the lighting at the refueling station for safety reasons.
 - d. Stan is unable to do the work and will not submit a bid; Lee is working on the RFQ and will get other bids.
 - e. ACTION: Eric will reach out to EV about potential funding.

- f. ACTION: Lee will reach out to their insurance company about possible financial incentives.
 - g. ACTION: Lee will put together an RFQ and seek bids.
6. Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP):
- a. Doug attended the town garage Level I assessment along with Lee on February 13, which went well; we are waiting for the report.
 - b. The Community Center Level II assessment is scheduled for 9:00am on March 7; Alex, Calvin and Eric plan to attend.
 - c. The town office assessment has not been scheduled yet.
 - d. ACTION: Eric will complete the data entry work.
7. Potential new DEC members:
- a. Nick Boyarko (who works with Farnum Insulators and was recommended by Chad) has submitted a letter of interest to the SB for consideration and is hoping to join the committee.
 - b. We published an appeal in the recent issue of *Views of Dummerston*, and Laurie emailed same to the town email list; there has been some interest so far.
 - c. ACTION: Eric will submit a letter of support to the SB on behalf of the committee regarding Nick's interest in joining.
 - d. ACTION: Eric will reach out to Southern Vermont Solar about potential candidates.
8. Town solar power project:
- a. Thomas has been in contact with GMP.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will send the various town GMP account numbers and usage data to Thomas.
 - c. ACTION: Thomas will continue to follow up with GMP and do further research.

9. Town resiliency project:
 - a. Alex has been developing the idea of designating the town Community Center as a resiliency hub.
 - b. ACTION: Alex will continue developing the idea and will discuss it with Margo at the WRC.
10. Powerwall versus generator assessment (pros/cons):
 - a. Doug and Thomas discussed their personal experiences with GMP.
 - b. ACTION: Doug and Thomas will continue developing the assessment framework and determine the best ways to present it.
11. Renewable Energy Standard (RES) modernization bill (H.289):
 - a. Eric provided a brief update.
12. Climate Superfund Act (S.259 and H.809):
 - a. Eric provided a brief update.
13. Thermal Energy Network bills (S.669, H.242 and H.669):
 - a. Eric provided a brief update.
14. New business:
 - a. No new business.
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. Next meeting will be held on April 1, 2024 at 5:30pm via Zoom.