

Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 5:30pm
Dummerston Town Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:46pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Alex Wilson, Nick Boyarko, and Thomas Nolan were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests:
 - a. No guests were present.
3. We welcomed Nick Boyarko to the committee as a new member.
4. Reviewed agenda:
 - a. No new items were added.
5. Approved minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Alex; seconded by Thomas; unanimously approved (Nick abstained).
6. Eric's resignation from DEC:
 - a. Eric will take an indefinite leave of absence due to personal obligations.
 - b. Alex will become interim Chair.
 - c. Nick will be responsible for the agenda going forward.
 - d. Thomas will be responsible for the minutes going forward.
 - e. **ACTION:** Eric will ask Kevin to update the website accordingly.
7. Vermont Priority Climate Action Plan funding request:
 - a. In process; we are waiting to hear back on our initial funding request.

8. Town garage lighting report:

- a. Lee has gotten updated pricing information and has presented such to the selectboard.
- b. The project is expected to cost in the range of \$4,000 to \$6,000; in addition to the DEC grant of up to \$2,500 towards the project, the town will likely also commit some ARPA funds as well.
- c. **ACTION:** Eric will follow up with Lee.

9. Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP):

- a. The town garage and Community Center have been assessed; we have received the town garage report.
- b. The town office assessment has still not been scheduled yet.

10. Town solar power project:

- a. Thomas provided an update.
- b. **ACTION:** Eric will send Thomas a copy of the current community solar contract.
- c. **ACTION:** Thomas will continue to research.

11. Town resiliency project:

- a. Alex has been developing the idea and discussed it with Margo at the WRC.

12. Powerwall versus generator assessment (pros/cons):

- a. Doug created the assessment document, and the committee reviewed and approved it.
- b. **ACTION:** Eric will ask Kevin to post it to the website.

13. Renewable Energy Standard (RES) modernization bill (H.289):

- a. Eric provided a brief update; the bill passed, but Governor Scott vetoed it; waiting to see if the veto gets overridden.
- b. **ACTION:** Nick will check to see how our local reps voted, and we will follow up as needed.

14. Update town plan energy section:

- a. **ACTION:** Everyone will read the current plan and consider updates.
- b. We discussed the idea of developing a town battery back-up system.

15. New business:

- a. Potential new DEC members; we will continue to search for new committee members.
- b. **ACTION:** Eric will send the committee a list of folks who responded to the town email and VOD article with potential interest.

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. Next meeting will be held on July 8, 2024 at 5:30pm via Zoom.