

Dummerston Energy Committee – October 6, 2014

Members present: Will Collins, Stan ("Smokey") Howe, Alex Wilson, Larry Doucette and Jerelyn Wilson (Chair)

Members absent: Bill Conley (Vice Chair),

Guests: Alice Maes; prior to start of formal meeting there were two visitors: Neil and Deidre Unsicker, Catie Berg joined late

Neil and Deidre Unsicker stopped by before the meeting was convened to ask about the community solar array planned for Stickney Brook Road

Meeting convened 6:10 pm

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 9/8/14

Smokey moved, Will seconded; Approved unanimously

2. Committee membership

Jerelyn looked down her list of people who had been involved in various energy activities; contacted several people who declined;

Larry will ask his neighbor - Rafe and Michelle Rosen

Will mentioned to Ken Fields and Jerelyn will contact him;

Keep looking for ideas

3. Lighting update

Smokey to e-mail GMP and ask about timeline - Billy Joe Gouger

4. Residential energy survey data

Will corresponded with Sam Farwell

He has to combine the spreadsheets and then recalculate the results

Discussion about what we can use the information for

Will to circulate the raw results to the committee

5. Alice Maes reported on the Windham Regional Commission meeting last Tuesday

VelCo and ISO New England were there talking about the grid

6. Solarize and community solar

- Smokey reported on two meetings that were held
- Michael F. is going ahead with his own system for this year;
- Others felt it is important to take time to properly plan for a successful community process
- Second meeting at Town Office
- Smokey presented his Excel sheet
- Working on questions for RFP

- Meeting with Transition Dummerston planning group this coming Thursday - initiating group meeting of Transition Dummerston
- Meeting on the 24th for full Transition Dummerston group
- Larger group can brainstorm about FAQs
- Meetings every two weeks Thursdays at 6:30
- Stickney Brook site - Peter Thurrell – is moving ahead
- Dummerston Solar Task Force to ask him what's up with his project Does he want to team with DEC or not?
- Jerelyn will send more contact e-mails to Michael for that Task Force
- Alex mentioned that he will be speaking to the NewBrook School about solar and electric heat pumps for the school

7. Button up Vermont Day - November 1st, Noon to 4:00 at the Dummerston School

Catie Berg has taken that on and is running with it

She has a lot planned

Got a local graphic artist to create a poster

At the Dummerston Transition mtg on the 24th she will try to build support for it

DEC members have offered to help

Question if there are still incentives?

Alex raised the issue of lagging interest in energy with dropping energy prices

Catie joined the meeting

Members signed up for various activities

Set-up - Smokey, Will, Larry

Take-down - Larry

Pumpkin bread - Jerelyn

Alex will ask about ACEEE donating copies of the Consumer Guide to Home

Energy Savings

Putting up posters - Catie can e-mail flyers that DEC members can put up

DEC members can print and post them

Question of when the \$500 grant is coming in – Jerelyn inquire

8. Views of Dummerston

Catie wrote and submitted an article for the upcoming issue

For next article - due mid-December

Could report on survey

Solar Task Force could report on solar initiatives

Next meeting - Monday November 3rd