

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, February 6, 2017 6 pm
Dummerston Town Office

Meeting came to order at 6:05pm, in attendance were Alex Wilson, Stanley Howe, Julien Geiser and Eric Lineback (call in)

1. Review agenda, add items as needed
2. Introduce Eric Lineback, potential new DEC member

Eric provided some personal background and expressed his interest in being a member of the DEC.

3. Approve minutes from December 5, 2016 meeting

No comments or additions to the December minutes. Julien moved to approve the minutes, Stanley seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.

4. Discussion of WRC planning grants – Julien, Alex

Alex felt that the planning grant was really about possible wind site development and getting that through the PSB, in response perhaps to some of the recent Grafton wind development discussion/issues, and that it was not necessarily relevant to Dummerston since there aren't any sites ideal for wind. He did respond to Marion Major about these concerns but did not hear back from her.

5. Report on WRC energy meeting on December 7, 2016 – Will

Will was not in attendance but that meeting largely concerned the WRC planning grants for Energy Committees.

6. Work session on Energy Chapter of Town Plan

Discussion of specific goals

Alex and Julien reviewed the sections that they had added to. Eric brought up including biofuels as a possible fifth source under the "Potential for Local Energy Production" section. He also brought up car sharing programs as well as the use of diesel generators (personal/town) to increase resiliency. He will do some research on that and provide a bit of narrative for the chapter and will also consider how we might amend the goals and action steps. Stan is going to research the State Energy Goals so that we can make sure that our goals are aligned with the state's goals.

7. New members for DEC – open brainstorm

Eric mentioned his neighbors Mike Pletcher and Greg Clark and said he'd mention the committee to them.

8. Adjourn

Julien moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07pm and Stan seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

2016 Priorities for Energy Committee

Dummerston School Energy Consumption REDUCTION

Dummerston energy consumption – benchmarking

Continue with benchmarking 2010 energy consumption in town

Continually Seek data from fuel providers

Continue charting and trending that data if we can normalize it

Further evaluating and making use of survey results

DEC mission statement: The committee supports the town in monitoring locally important energy issues and developments, and promoting energy conservation, efficiency, and increased use of renewable resources. Using education, projects, and advocacy, the DEC will help Dummerston and its residents reduce their reliance on polluting forms of energy and achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy goal in Town Plan: To reduce total per-capita non-renewable energy consumption 40% by 2030 from a 2010 baseline