

**Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, February 5, 2018 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm: Eric Lineback, Alex Wilson and Smokey Howe were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: Calvin Farwell sat in on the meeting to observe, as he is interested in joining the committee.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items were added.
4. Approved minutes from December 4, 2017 meeting: Smokey moved, Alex seconded, unanimously approved.
5. Portfolio Manager for municipal buildings – update: Alex and Peter still need to each create a user profile and notify Smokey with their user name. Smokey will send them a reminder.
6. DEC website – update: The new Resources section is coming. Peter still needs to submit his suggested resources. And still looking for more good links to add. Calvin suggested adding a directory of local energy-related providers.
7. Energy chapter of Town Plan – update: Alex had sent everyone the latest draft of the town plan (dated October 24, 2017). The biofuels/hemp paragraph is still missing from the energy section. It may be too late now. The next public hearing is February 14th at 7:00pm, and Eric will try to attend.
8. Covered bridge LED lights – update: Smokey finalized and submitted his report to the town selectboard which approved the needed funds. He will contact the town office about the logistics of purchasing the required materials.

9. "No Idling" campaign – update: Eric got in touch with Chris Derby about the previous signs, but he could not remember where they came from. Eric will look into finding a new source and get quotes. Alex will contact JB Auto to see if they are willing to post a sign there.
10. 350VT renewable energy town meeting day resolution – follow-up: Success! A total of 132 qualifying signatures were submitted to the town clerk, exceeding the minimum requirement of 80. The resolution will thus appear on the town meeting ballot in March.
11. New Vermont wind energy rules (LCAR) and WRC REP regarding utility-scale wind energy potential in Windham County – DEC position statements: The committee reviewed the latest draft of its letter to WRC and discussed how best to disseminate it. Alex will review and edit further. Calvin asked about including hydro power as a viable option for Vermont. Eric will reach out to Peter (who wrote the first draft) to get his thoughts. Eric will then send the committee a final draft for approval. The committee also discussed modifying the letter for sending to LCAR/PUC.
<https://www.vpirg.org/issues/clean-energy/wind-sound-rules-approved-by-lcar/>
<http://www.windhamregional.org/energy/act-174-energy-planning>
12. WRC solicitation regarding Act 174 – update: The committee skipped this item, as Peter was not present. Eric will reach out to Peter for an update.
http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Pubs_Plans_Reports/Act_174/Standards%20Overview.pdf
13. Next big project: Promoting electric vehicles? Installing electric vehicle charging stations in Dummerston? VW settlement funds? Town-approved solar park? Local hemp production and processing? Heat pumps?
14. New business: None.
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. Next meeting will be March 5th at 6:00pm.