

**Minutes
Dummerston Energy Committee
Monday, November 12, 2018 @ 6pm
Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm:
 - a. Eric Lineback, Calvin Farwell and Stan Howe were in attendance.
2. Welcome guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No new items added.
4. Approved minutes from October 8, 2018 meeting:
 - a. Motioned by Stan.
 - b. Seconded by Calvin.
 - c. Unanimously approved.
5. Portfolio Manager for municipal buildings – update (Stan):
 - a. Stan and Eric collected town energy data and PM has been updated through June 2018.
 - b. ACTION: Stan will gather remaining calendar year data after January.
 - c. ACTION: Stan will reach out to the school for their updated data.
 - d. Stan completed the PM 201 and 301 training modules and forwarded info to the committee.
 - e. The score is now 47 out of 100.
6. DEC website – update (Eric):
 - a. No update at this time.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will send doc to Kevin when ready.
7. “No Idling” campaign – update (Eric):
 - a. Eric received 6 new signs. One will go to Scott Farm, and we will continue to look for more sites.

- b. ACTION: Eric will compile a list of potential sites that have yet to be contacted.
 - c. ACTION: Stan will contact the school to see if they want additional signs.
 - d. ACTION: Eric will review docs and collateral from Brattleboro (BEC) for the purpose of creating an educational pamphlet and send all relevant docs to the committee for review. We ultimately plan to provide pamphlets to the town office and anybody posting a sign; we will put it on our website; we will write up something for the town newsletter; and we will seek pro-bono ads/promotion in local papers.
8. Renewable energy storage options – update (Calvin):
- a. Calvin sent the email response from Ken Couture at GMP to the committee for review. There is a minimum of 5,000 KWH and nothing is planned for our area. GMP recommends the Tesla Powerwalls. A review of their website revealed that the Tesla Powerwall pilot program is now closed. Tesla is also rumored to be increasing their prices.
 - b. ACTION: Calvin will follow up with Ken at GMP.
9. Vermont Energy Climate Action Team – update (Alex):
- a. Alex was not present, so we will add this item to next month's agenda.
 - b. The discussion reminded us about the Vermont Energy Dashboard, which we intended to explore and discuss further.
 - c. ACTION: All members will explore the site for our next meeting.
<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org>
10. Recent purchase of Maple Valley Ski Area: DEC involvement? – update (Eric):
- a. Owner Keane Aures and possibly his architect plan to attend a future DEC meeting.
 - b. ACTION: Eric will continue to follow up.

11. Potential funding opportunities for Putney Park & Ride EV charging stations – update

(Eric):

- a. Eric completed and sent back the survey. EVSE would cover 90% of the cost, and the municipal grant would cover the town's remaining portion of 10%. Too late to apply for Round 1; Round 2 application is due by April 30, 2019.
- b. ACTION: Eric will follow up with Daniel Hoviss at the PEC to see if they want to join forces, as well as with Wayne Davis at the Municipal Assistance Bureau about the grant.

More info:

Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program (being considered; no URL yet)

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Program

<http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/electric-vehicle-supply-equipment-evse-grant-program>

12. Potential participation in Northern Forest Center's "Feel Good Heat" campaign and WRC's Windham Wood Heat Initiative – further discussion:

<https://feelgoodheat.org/>

- a. ACTION: All members will review related materials for further discussion at our next meeting.
- b. ACTION: Eric will follow up with Maura Adams at the Northern Forest Center and invite her to join us at a future meeting.
- c. ACTION: Calvin will reach out to Lisa Merton about her movie "Burn" and request a copy for viewing.
- d. ACTION: All members will watch the movie trailer at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-EvgYZS8bM>

13. Consider new heat pump at town office to replace current AC and electric heat –

further discussion:

- a. Alex reached out to the Selectboard and they would like us to pursue this.
- b. Eric and Stan spoke with the folks at the town office about their current usage.
- c. ACTION: Stan will contact vendors/installers for estimates and look for any related Efficiency Vermont incentives.

14. Potential future town purchase of Renaud gravel pit on Route 5 – update (Eric):

- a. Eric followed up with Lee who plans to attend a future DEC meeting to update us and discuss our support.
- b. We discussed how having to transport aggregate from farther away would result in more energy consumption and have a larger environmental impact.

15. Future projects: Promote electric vehicles and electric bikes? Develop a town-approved solar park? Promote heat pumps?

16. New business:

- a. Eric placed our request for the DEC budget of \$350 for next fiscal year with the Selectboard.

17. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. Next meeting will be December 10 at 6:00pm.