

**Minutes**  
**Dummerston Energy Committee**  
**Monday, November 11, 2019 @ 6pm**  
**Dummerston Town Office**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm:
  - a. Stan Howe, Eric Lineback, Alex Wilson and Calvin Farwell were in attendance.
2. Welcomed guests: No guests were present.
3. Reviewed agenda: No items were added.
4. Approved minutes from October 7, 2019 meeting:
  - a. Motioned by Alex.
  - b. Seconded by Stan.
  - c. Unanimously approved.
5. New heat pump at town office to replace current AC and electric heat:
  - a. Gassett Energy won the bid; to be installed in November (11/12?).
  - b. Concern was expressed that with only one interior unit, there may be comfort issues in the building; our recommendation to the Selectboard had proposed a system that used two interior units (one in each room).
6. Town office energy audit:
  - a. Audit completed by Farnum on November 6; awaiting the report.
7. DEC annual budget request:
  - a. After recently confirming with the town treasurer, it turns out that we have \$4,000.90 in our fund (which was more than we realized).
  - b. Eric motioned that we therefore change our budget request to \$0.
  - c. Seconded by Alex.

- d. Unanimously approved.
8. West Dummerston Fire Department:
- a. Discussed the lighting report generated by Stan after he made a couple visits to the station; he will forward it to the WDFD after making some minor suggested changes.
9. Covered Bridge: Should I Wait or Should I Go?:
- a. Discussed determining a proper protocol and best practices for minimizing bridge wait times and wasted energy.
  - b. Calvin began work on the analysis and developed a basic model.
  - c. ACTION: Eric will create a spreadsheet of the model and write an article for the *Dummerston Views* newsletter; the model and detailed data/assumptions will be posted to our DEC Web site when complete.
10. Town energy plan:
- a. Discussed possible updates; need to expand on specific Action Items; possibly adjust goals?
  - b. We will see what other towns are doing at the climate change caucus meeting on November 19 in Brattleboro.
11. New business: No new business.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. Next meeting TBD (either December 2 or 9, 2019 at 6:00pm).