

Strafford Energy Committee (SEC) Meeting Minutes

8/14/18

7:30 PM

Town Office meeting room

Meeting called by: Doc Bagley

Type of meeting: SEC regular meeting

Facilitator: Doc Bagley

Note taker: Janet

Attendees: Doc Bagley, Kevin Grady, David Lutz, Barbara Smith, Janet Cavanagh

Next Meeting: Sept 11, 2018: Energy Committee meeting

Minutes

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes:** Approve last meeting's minutes.

2. **New England Grassroots Environmental Fund:**

ACTION ITEM: Janet will look into what they've been funding to see if they might be a source of support for one of our projects.

3. **Weatherizing Campaign:**

Janet attended the phone mtg with Sarah Brock and Paul Markowitz. The SEC has elected to sign to be a Button Up Hero, and will be partnering with Efficiency VT to have a strong effort in the Fall to provide education, a mailing, incentives, and bring contractors to the town to encourage people to sign up for free walk throughs and estimates for the weatherization in their houses. Doc will fill out the new application for Efficiency Vermont's "Button Up Hero" program. The main effort will take place in Oct and Nov, signs ups until Dec 15, walk throughs by March 15, work in the 2019 season. We thought a main presentation on Saturday Oct 6, 2pm – 4pm would work. Possible visit to insulated houses in Oct, have someone for testimonials.

ACTION ITEMS: Janet to check if Barrett Hall is available. David to follow up re mailing, and promotional materials for the presentation. Doc will be contacting Sarah Brock and Paul Markowitz to learn more about the structure and timing of the Button Up Hero program.

4. **Two Rivers Action Coalition (TRAC):** Tii McLane was unable to attend this meeting but hopes that TRAC could help with the Button up program.

5. **Home Heating Survey:**

The survey is now available for use at events and for outreach. There will be an electronic home heating survey which will be part of the Button Up Hero program.

6. **Pocket Park update: Barbara**

A seed sale will be happening on Aug 18, and there maybe a sculpture exhibit to raise \$\$ for the pocket park in the Fall. The Byrne Foundation has not responded.

7. **Thetford Energy Committee** — Transportation Event 09 30, 10 am to 2 pm at Thetford Academy.

8. **Two River Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) and Enhanced Energy Plan:**

Micki Colbeck has completed her map of potential ground mounted solar energy sites in Strafford. We need to identify 45 acres of preferred sites for the enhanced Energy Plan, to generate 4500 KW's of electricity. Kevin and Doc hope to clarify other criteria on the map as the legend is unclear. The plan is ready for review; and needs to be

discussed with the conservation commission, the planning board and then the Selectboard. We still don't know if we can count any portion of the Elizabeth Mine for town-generated renewable energy

9. Storm-window workshop idea

Doc has found out more re: the storm window manufacture etc. Windows are \$20 - \$40.00 per. Can we get materials donated, and/or have a workshop in someone house? People could bring their measurements and we'd help them cut the frames and assemble, then they could go home and pop them in. ACTION ITEM: Doc and Kevin will continue to look into the Maine group that organized a project like this (there's a video online).

Also the EC decide to retro fit the plexiglass at the Town offices and re- apply to the windows this Fall.

10. Vermont "Community Energy Dashboard" (<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/>):

ACTION ITEM: Doc will investigate whether this is a coalition we'd benefit from joining.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Cavanagh