

Strafford Energy Committee (SEC) Meeting Minutes

4/22/19

7:00 PM

Town Office meeting room

Meeting called by: Doc Bagley **Type of meeting:** SEC special meeting

Facilitator: Doc Bagley **Note taker:** Janet

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

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019: Energy Committee meeting

Minutes

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes:** Review minutes from March, approve.

2. **Button Up campaign**

Doc has been following up with Leigh at Efficiency Vermont; Bruce Merritt of Build Basic Green has not followed up with the majority of sign ups. Efficiency Vt has offered the sign ups a walk through their weatherization specialists. Brent Mullen of Building Energy has completed many walk throughs and has not yet completed the write ups.

Town weatherization Update: Lee Funston is being helped through Capstone. David recommended we do a mass mailing re the low-income weatherization program through Capstone and the Window dressers program.

3 **Cabin Fever University energy-efficient homes tour:** March 30th. David reported that 12 or more people came, he was invited to give a presentation on radio, and it went well. The Vermod home was good to see, the owners are experiencing ventilation equipment issues, with customer service a problem. Great to see the Straw bale house of Tim Denney and Susan Hodges, as Tim had prepared a detailed hand out. The tour ended with David's house with wood pellet boiler, solar and tesla wall. Attendees came from all over.

4 **Enhanced Energy Plan**

— Finalize: Doc & Kevin will finalize the report in May and go to planning board and select board.

— Elizabeth Mine Solar to be included.

5 **Meeting with the Selectboard.**

We are scheduled to meet with the selectboard in May to discuss:

- 1) Weatherization of the Town clerks office as renovations are done.
- 2) Doc has started on a spread sheet for the town's energy use and we recommend further audits of the town buildings, so that improvements can be tracked.
- 3) Idea of a Strategic Energy Plan for the town in the effort to De Carb.
- 4) JC to contact Greg and John Freitag re school weatherization efforts.
- 5) Enhanced Energy plan discussion.
- 6) Window dressers information

6. **Upcoming events of Interest:**

Our 4-Town Future Series 6.30pm – 9pm 04 25 in Tunbridge

UVEnergy Committee Round Table May 7th 5 to 8pm Fireside Inn W. Leb, Directive to send only 2 approx from each committee.

7. Strafford Energy Committee 2019 Ongoing Projects Discussion

— SEC webpage: Doc has updated the web page with links to a lot of energy information and organizations, including Capstone, Efficiency Vermont, ButtonUp, Vital communities, Community Solar opportunities. Needs to add: Go Vermont carpooling site (<https://www.connectingcommuters.org/>), and the latest PUC rules.

— Window Dresser program: Jan or Dec training including Montpelier; Doc's would like to start building interest in late summer and fall – will discuss further with the Glover Energy committee – Jack Sumberg – about window measurements.

— Transportation: School busing: when are contracts signed, Carpooling, Stage Coach. ACTION ITEM: Jim will write about the Go Vermont! carpooling / van pool offerings for the next *Strafford News*.

— Renewables: New Strafford/Thetford community solar (Norwich Technologies / Dori Wolfe): Dori has not yet asked the SEC to publicizing the opportunity to sign up for the new Thetford Community Solar site. According to Bob Walker of the TEC, the residence of Thetford have first dibs until sometime in May. Need to clarify with Dori

- Doc is helping the Library figure out how to understand the way the energy from the town community solar is designated. Matt to get involved in this effort.
- Barbara is looking into the Pocket Park becoming a non profit organization. She will seek help through the VT Law school legal clinic.
- No one was able to go to the Transportation mtg on April 8, and it is available for viewing by Bob the Green Guy.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Cavanagh