

Strafford Energy & Climate Committee (SECC) Meeting Minutes

8/13/19

7:00 PM

Strafford Front Porch

Meeting called by: Doc Bagley

Type of meeting: SEC meeting

Facilitator: Doc Bagley

Note taker: Doc (meager notes)

Attendees: Doc Bagley, David Lutz, Kevin Grady, Gus Speth, Barbara Smith

Next Meeting: September 10, 2019: Energy Committee meeting

Minutes

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes:** Review minutes from July. Approved.
2. Pocket Park update: Barbara – frustration with beaver activity. Will need to check latest damage. Calendars will be available.
3. Town buildings energy use / Strafford Solar LLC: Doc – need to check in with Lisa at town office to see what state the project is in project.
4. Button Up campaign: final wrap up this month
 - Send f/u notes to Doc to add to Excel sheet – Doc to send out a final email to all for one last check in on any work / progress on audits that had been performed.
 - New program for 2019: No, too busy with WD and displeased with last years results. Not participating this year.
5. WindowDressers update: Doc & Kevin
 - Select Board meeting WD presentation Wed. the 14th at 7:15p – Doc
 - Launch – Sept letter to be sent to LIHEAP recipients in Strafford – (15 total)
6. Schools energy initiative: It was discussed that Jim and Janet were interested in pursuing the school board and staff from discussions from the previous meeting in July. Not sure of Janet's activity in the future; busy now and has left the committee.
 - Kevin working with Thetford schools: no activity as of yet – poor turnout by the Thetford school officials for a planned meeting with Mary Bryant of the TEC.
 - Newton school: new principal / Erik Reimanis – new math & science teacher; no action to date.
 - Sharon Academy? – no action to date.
7. Enhanced Energy Plan - Doc & Kevin
 - One more session will hopeful complete this process to then have the EEP go to Jim and then to Dee Gish at TRORC for number updates and review.
 - Once completed the SECC will present the EEP to the Planning Commission and Select Board.
8. Our 4-Town Future: updates by Barbara and Gus (Housing group) – meetings have been infrequent because of summer schedules.
9. Gus brought up the Sept 20–27 Climate Strike and how the SECC can participate
 - Dec mentioned that postings on the List Serv could go through from the SECC.

- TRAC is working with a Climate Strike Planning group through the church – Susan Hodges is the contact for activities – strikers to meet at Ros Finn's corner 9/20 am to bring awareness to morning commuters; Sept 27 function at the church, display for WD's by SECC.
- More information to follow.

10. Proposed multi-town energy manager – poorly received due to the cost presented by TRORC to employ the Regional Energy Coordinator (REC).

11. Mention of Energy Services Forum Sept 12 at 6:30pm at Thetford Comm. Ctr and EV Expo at Dothan Brook School Sept. 14th.

Adjourned: 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Doc Bagley