

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1st, 2021 7:00pm
Old Schoolhouse Common

In attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Wes Cate, Ellen Keene

- Announcements
 - Rich Phillips stepping away from committee involvement due to health issues.
 - Ellen mentioned that there should be a book at the Jaquith that people can sign to send him messages.
 - One of the trackers at OSC is still not tilting so is flat. Anne has suggested that we could volunteer the Energy Committee budget to go towards this.
 - Anne volunteered to check with John to see if we could estimate energy loss because of this.
 - Nick will email Bobbi to see if there is any progress, or bring it up the next Selectboard meeting.
 - Anne asked if anyone had an update on the Twinfield solar. No one knew current details. Wes is going to ask Mark Mooney, Nick is going to email Jamie specter and see if she has an update.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Minutes motioned seconded and approved.
- Agenda modifications
 - None.
- Business
 - Marshfield Municipal Solar update.
 - Nick got new information from SunCommon, they could do a roof mount system which would be about the right size with the larger shelter. However, Rich is not working on this so the momentum is stalled on this.
 - All Earth Renewables could also upgrade the panels, which would increase the capacity while using the existing tracker structure. Nick to get further information on this and if this would exceed the “cap” for a single parcel/meter.
 - Fire station Weatherization updates (if needed)
 - Nick still to do this.
 - Weatherization of Rentals update (if needed)
 - Ellen had a response to the landlord letters from the owner of Rainbow Sweets, who rent out part of that building. Nick and Ellen met with them and discussed their questions, and gave some suggestions.
 - Ellen reached out to Becca White at Efficiency VT after this, who made a connection with one of her colleagues there. Ellen provided this info to the owners. She hasn't heard anything since, so will check with them.
 - No response from any of the other landlords.
 - VECAN Communications Collaborative update
 - No updates on this with Rich out.
 - Plainfield updates
 - Bob indicated the weatherization stuff is going again with button up, including starting up home energy visits again. He recommended visiting the button up site.
 - Bob had an update from Michael Billingsly saying he will be discontinuing the Tuesday night suppers due to a health issue.
 - Other business
 - None at this time.
- Agenda for next time
 - Announcements
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Agenda Modifications
 - Business:
 - Marshfield Municipal solar update
 - Fire station weatherization update
 - Weatherization of Rentals update
 - Plainfield Updates
 - Twinfield Solar status