

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 7:00pm
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Nick Seifert, Ellen Keene, Anne Miller, Mike Xenakis, Wes Cate
Public:

- Public Comments
 - None
- Announcements
 - REV 2022 coming up 10/27 and 10/28.
 - <https://www.vermont.org/annual-conference/>
- Agenda Updates
 - None, as below.
- Approve previous minutes
 - Motioned and approved. One abstention.
- Business
 - Plainfield Updates
 - Fall foliage festival participation
 - Nick gave a brief update. Had a few people visit the booth, and chat. Was a good event.
 - Town Plan / Enhanced Energy Plan
 - Nick reached out to Sam Lash to inquire about the updated GIS data, and when it would be available. Also asked her if she has any suggestions about how to get an enhanced energy plan adopted by the town without a planning commission.
 - Upper Winooski Community Solar
 - Meeting on 10/5 at 7:00pm, at the old schoolhouse common.
 - Marshfield Municipal Solar
 - Nick gave a brief update. GMP's incentive is ending in January 2023, and also what things the credits can be applied to will be changing. Because of this change to where credits can be used, it isn't clear how much, if any, additional solar is needed at this time. So waiting until this change is implemented before making further recommendations.
 - Nick will also update the payback calculator for the existing solar, now that the data is available.
 - Funding Opportunities / sources / programs
 - Electric busses
 - No updates this month.
 - OSC Building committee
 - Mike gave an update on this. The meeting discussed the general building issues.

- Nick mentioned that taking a proactive approach here with getting this going would likely be a good path, and the selectboard would be receptive of this.
- Mike will be planning to get on the selectboard agenda for the 18th.
- Walk-in cooler for food-shelf
 - Anne gave a brief update. Glen has been running with it, applied for a grant from Hunger Mtn., but won't find out until November. Also applied for the Ben & Jerry's grant, and also the food bank. Anne is going to reach out to Capstone.
 - TBD if this is more on the DIY side, or something built / installed by a contractor. It does sound like either way they are using a "coolbot" and a window AC unit.
 - Mike mentioned that there are some online tools for comparing overall carbon footprint of different insulation methods. If helpful he would be willing to look at different "insulated box" insulating methods.
 - <https://www.buildersforclimateaction.org/beam-estimator.html>
- Marshfield Dam updates
 - Nick will reach out to Michael about any update on a tour of the dam.
 - Anne has requested that Nick call her with any date on this.
- Tentative agenda
 - Public Comments
 - Announcements
 - Agenda modifications
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Business:
 - Plainfield update
 - Funding opportunities:
 - Building Committee for OSC
 - EV Charging grants?
 - Food shelf fridge update (if needed)
 - Electric busses update (if needed)
 - REV2022 report (if anyone attends)
 - Upper Winooski community solar
 - Town Plan updates (Enhanced Energy Plan)
 - Marshfield Solar payback update

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