

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 7:00pm
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Anne Miller, Ellen Keene, Mike Xenakis, Nick Seifert
Public: None

- Public Comments
 - No one present
- Announcements
 - None.
- Agenda modifications
 - Marshfield Dam tour request from Michael
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Minutes motioned seconded and approved for October.
- Business:
 - Plainfield update
 - Bob not present, no updates. The bridge is open!
 - Funding opportunities:
 - Building Committee for OSC
 - Nothing new here, no updates. Mike to email Sam, and then connect with selectboard.
 - EV Charging grants?
 - Possibly a grant opportunity coming up. Sam Lash has more information.
 - Food shelf fridge update (if needed)
 - Anne believes that Glen (food shelf guy) has this project funded. Anne has had some difficulty getting guidance from Capstone on building / construction details.
 - Nick shared Sam Lash's phone number with Anne.
 - Electric busses update (if needed)
 - Twinfield was awarded a grant for one electric bus and charging. Nick to offer some guidance to the schoolboard if they desire that. They're meeting on the 8th.
 - Weatherization:
 - Home performance with Energy Star rebate was increased a couple of months ago, and some income changes made as well. Heat saver loans and low interest loans also available. Contractors still the bottleneck.
 - REV2022 report (if anyone attends)
 - No attendance.
 - Upper Winooski community solar
 - Ellen, John and Wes met the week after the last EC meeting. Wes had some actions from the last meeting Ellen does not have any updates about this. They decided to have a solar installer look at aerial maps of the possible site to get some preliminary information. The solar installer is going to take a look and provide some feedback to them this week. Ellen has also reached out to some of the possible land owners. Joe got back to her saying their board would need a detailed proposal. Ellen is thinking this may steer them towards using a private land owner, rather than that school. John is very busy right now, so has not been able to offer much. Wes has reached out to Ed Hutchinson but has not heard back.

- Town Plan updates (Enhanced Energy Plan)
 - Plan is to get this enhanced energy plan updated with the newly available data, once that is available, then get this approved through the selectboard but with no planning commission.
- Marshfield Solar payback update
 - Nick made some quick updates. Need to wait for data from next year to determine the path on more solar.
- Marshfield Dam
 - Michael has requested that the Energy Committee ask GMP for a tour. Nick will plan to get this going.
- Appreciation event / recognition of Rich
 - Anne suggested this would be a nice thing to do, and much deserved.
 - Wes suggested checking with other activities that he's been involved with (Stranahan, etc.). Or possibly a resolution of appreciation, or something like that at Town meeting.
 - Possible cookout at the new picnic shelter once it's built.
 - Nick to reach out to Rich and just say hey and chat.

- Tentative agenda for next time:
 - Public Comments
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 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Business:
 - Plainfield Update
 - Update for town report discussion
 - Funding opportunities
 - EV Charging station grants?
 - Electric buses?
 - Food shelf funding?
 - OSC Building committee?
 - Weatherization?
 - Upper Winooski Community Solar
 - Town Plan update
 - Marshfield Solar update
 - Marshfield Dam
 - Appreciation event/gesture for Rich.

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