

## Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 2nd, 20223

Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Mike Xenakis

Public:

- Agenda:
  - Public Comments
    - None - No members of the public in attendance
  - Announcements
    - VECAN webinar series, every two weeks starting January 18th.
      - <https://vecan.net/winter-webinar-series-2023/?emci=57f4ec37-a580-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&emdi=d3be4b53-4481-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&ceid=5992914>
  - Agenda modifications
    - None heard.
  - Approval of previous minutes
    - Motioned, seconded and approved.
  - Business:
    - Plainfield Update
      - None, Bob not present.
    - Update for town report discussion and/or dates to submit this
      - Nick to look back at old minutes and summarize actions, discussions, etc.
      - Anne mentioned we should highlight things coming up:
        - Grants for EV charging - if we pursue this
        - OSC Building committee - Audit of this building / other possible actions
        - Upper Winooski solar group
        - New members welcome
        - Home energy visits, general questions and information about efficiency, rebates, etc.
        - Share with Anne: [Jaquithpubliclibrary.com@gmail.com](mailto:Jaquithpubliclibrary.com@gmail.com), say for Anne in the subject.
  - Funding opportunities
    - EV Charging station grants?
      - Multiple things going on... email from Sam Lash.
      - Nick will reach out to Sam about how to get an EV charger for the OSC.
      - Nick will forward the email from Sam for the committee to look at.
    - Electric buses
      - Nick Provided some recommendations to Mark Tucker on what should be included in the RFQ.
      - Still looking promising, more to come.
    - Food shelf funding?
      - No updates from Anne, she has not heard from Glen about the status of the project. Nick requested that she try to get an update for the next meeting.
    - OSC Building committee
      - No updates since the December meeting.
      - Picnic shelter is being put out to bid. This should be moving, but Mike isn't sure about timing.
    - Weatherization / Wood heat:
      - Sam Lash sent a bit of information, and a link. Check out the R.E. Vermont website, and follow the links through for specific details. <https://www.revermont.org/go-renewable/heating-cooling/advancedwoodheating/>
  - Upper Winooski Community Solar

- Wes provided an update on this. Kevin from Catamount Solar visited the Groton Forest Rd possible site, Wes could not attend, but John Morris did. The best solar site is a prime grazing / farming location, so that site may not work out. They looked at another location at the Groton Forest Rd site, which may work as well, and could even be better. Kevin is going to work up some preliminary plans to provide an estimate of the cost and what would be involved. Unclear when he will provide that estimate. Kevin also looked at aerial maps of some of the other potential sites, and the Maple Hill School site looked pretty good, but dealing with the board of that school may be tricky. The route 2 site will probably not work, a lot of site work needed to make it work for the size of array they are considering.
- Member contact info check
  - Updated information compiled and sent to Bobbi, per her request.
- Marshfield Solar update
  - More to come there. Nick requested update from GMP on when billing change will take effect.
- Marshfield Dam
  - Nick has requested GMP conduct this on a Saturday or Sunday if possible. Waiting to hear back from GMP about this.
  - If weekend is not possible this will likely need to wait until the spring.
- Appreciation event/gesture for Rich.
  - Some discussions here about how/when to do this. Possibly would make the most sense once the picnic shelter is built. That shelter is moving forward, but slowly.
  - Wes suggests doing it as a social get-together, either a surprise or not.
- Agenda for next time:
  - Public Comments
  - Announcements
  - Agenda modifications
  - Approval of previous minutes
  - Business:
    - Plainfield Update
    - Town report update
    - Funding opportunities
      - EV Charging station grants progress
      - Electric buses?
      - Food shelf funding?
      - OSC Building committee?
      - Weatherization / Wood heat
    - Upper Winooski Community Solar
    - Town Plan energy update
    - Marshfield Solar update
    - Marshfield Dam
    - Appreciation event/gesture for Rich.

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