

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 2nd, 2024, 7:00pm
Old Schoolhouse Common & Zoom

Members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Wes Cate

Public:

- Public comment
 - None in attendance
- Announcements
 - None.
- Agenda Modifications
 - None
- Approval of Previous minutes
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- Business
 - Plainfield Updates
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 - MERP / OSC
 - Fire station audit received. Some options there. No audit yet received for the OSC.
 - At this time, based on town energy burden, considered Moderate, it seems like the town will not be eligible. Deadline for application is September 20th, very difficult to meet.
 - Appliances discussion:
 - Nick had some discussions with Corrinne and Susan green at the OSC. There are hesitations to going to induction, and some desire to keep the same size, or a larger, range than the existing. Getting rid of the pilot lights, and adding a range hood, seem like a good balance.
 - To break this gridlock, Nick will get on the selectboard agenda to discuss this at their next meeting.
 - Enhanced Energy Plan
 - No updates.
 - More solar for Marshfield
 - Nick to update the selectboard on Solar offtaker and battery energy storage at the next selectboard meeting.
 - Legislative updates
 - Funding opportunities
 - No updates, still waiting to hear when federal and state EV charging incentives make it to the community level.
 - Town activities
 - Foliage festival
 - September 29th! Coming up!

- Anne has heard from Window Dressers and they are coming to the foliage festival.
- Nick will reach out to Efficiency VT to 1) apologize to Bekah about the concert, 2) ask if she could come with Button up stuff.
- The historical society has a plan to bring several steam engines, on 20' trailers. Anne has some concerns but has passed this off to Susan Green to figure out and handle.
- Nick reached out to Mike to see if he is planning to bring construction frame panels.
- Wes contacted Austin (at Beta Technologies), they don't really do much for community outreach.
- Nick to reach out to Erin Barry about possibly borrowing the Electric Bus to show off during the foliage festival.
- Future areas of Work:
 - EV funding opportunities
 - Recruitment
 - Upper Winooski community Solar
 - VFD driven pumps / Efficiency of Village waste and water facilities
 - Areas of education / interaction
 - Electric vehicle charging at the OSC
 - New members

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