

Strafford Energy Committee (SEC) Meeting Minutes

3/12/19

7:00 PM

Town Office meeting room

Meeting called by: Doc Bagley **Type of meeting:** SEC special meeting

Facilitator: Doc Bagley **Note taker:** Jim

Attendees: Doc Bagley, David Lutz, Kevin Grady, Janet Cavanagh, Matt Christie, Jim Schley

Next Meeting: April 9, 2019: Energy Committee meeting

Minutes

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes:** Review minutes from January 19 and February 12.
2. **Button Up campaign**
 - Follow-up calls: Doc is awaiting updated summary list of participants from Leigh at Efficiency Vermont; he will post on GoogleDocs the status reports so we can see who is waiting for walk-throughs or proposals.
 - Paul Markowitz is leaving EV as of today
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Jim will follow up with Lee Funston.
 - Janet was present for the Capstone visit to one community member who is receiving no-cost upgrades, including replacement light bulbs throughout the home and a new refrigerator.
3. **Cabin Fever University energy-efficient homes tour:** March 30th. David is hosting, and there will be three homes to visit.
4. **Enhanced Energy Plan**
 - Finalize: Doc & Kevin's report on work in progress. Goal is to present this spring.
 - Elizabeth Mine Solar to be included.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Jim will send to Doc a summary of off-grid homes that he has been added to Vermont Energy Dashboard. (Recheck with Listers; also investigate Brook Road cabin, Taylor Valley Road, Lower Dodge Road, rest of Blue Moon Road).
5. **Strafford Energy Committee 2019 budget request:** approved for \$250.00.
6. **Our 4-Town Future Series**
 - February 21 (Royalton): report from Kevin. He took part in discussion of housing, zoning.
 - Next sessions: March 14 (Tunbridge), March 21 (Strafford), March 28 (Sharon).
7. **Strafford Energy Committee 2019 Projects Discussion**
 - SEC webpage: Doc will begin updating this week. Doc will add information about Capstone, Efficiency Vermont, ButtonUp, Vital communities, Community Solar opportunities, Go Vermont carpooling site (<https://www.connectingcommuters.org/>), Stage Coach schedule (<https://stagecoach-rides.org/>), the latest PUC rules.
 - Window Dresser program: possible late March training; Doc's report on info from Glover, Vermont. The program in Maine provides materials; volunteers measure windows and enter in software and plans are generated; Doc wants to better understand how the subsidies for lower-income participants work; Doc and Bob Walker from Thetford are interested in going to Maine to meet with the organizers.
 - Finalize Enhanced Energy Plan for presentation to Conservation Commission and Selectboard.

- Weatherization: Prioritizing town facilities; Town buildings energy AUDITs – wood chip / pellets? ACTION ITEM, Kevin — ask Kate Siepmann about planning process for town office renovation.
- Transportation: School busing: when are contracts signed, Carpooling, Stage Coach. ACTION ITEM: Jim will write about the Go Vermont! carpooling / van pool offerings for the next *Strafford News*.
- Renewables: New Strafford/Thetford community solar (Norwich Technologies / Dori Wolfe): ACTION ITEM, Janet: Check with Dori Wolfe about when we can begin publicizing opportunity to sign up for the new Thetford Community Solar site.
- Other: Legislature's bills, Carbon fee, etc.?
- Public forums / workshops on the above and more?
- Town House Climate Series
- Doc recommends that we all read the minutes for the Thetford Energy Committee to see what their projects are; these are posted at: <http://thetfordvermont.us/energy-committee/>. See also Hartford's site (<https://www.hartford-vt.org/2228/Energy>) and Norwich's (<http://norwichenergycommittee.weebly.com/>).

Doc proposes that at the next meeting we talk about 2019 priorities and timelines, using the Vital Communities step-by-step guide for setting goals and following through.

Other Business:

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Schley