

Strafford Energy & Climate Committee (SECC) Meeting Minutes

9/10/19

7:00 PM

Strafford Town Hall

Meeting called by: Doc Bagley

Type of meeting: SEC meeting

Facilitator: Doc Bagley

Note taker: Doc (meager notes)

Attendees: Doc Bagley, David Lutz, Kevin Grady, Barbara Smith, Jim Schley

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019: Energy Committee meeting

Minutes

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes:** Review minutes from August. Approved.

2. Pocket Park update: Barbara

— calendars are ready; very expensive, especially with the shipping charges, but selling pretty well, so ordering 50 more.

— frustration with beaver activity. Trying various deterrents.

2. WindowDressers update: Doc & Kevin

- Select Board meeting WindowDressers presentation Wed., Sept. 11 at 7:15 pm — Doc.
- Launch – Sept letter to be sent to LIHEAP recipients in Strafford – (15 total).
- We're using Capstone thresholds for income-sensitivity; those who are not getting a discount will be asked to round up or make a contribution, if they're willing and able.
- Tentatively on schedule to speak to Lions Club sometime in October
- Measuring September 15 to November 15 (payment expected when measuring is done).
- Final payment to WindowDressers by December 1.
- January 4 through 12: Community workshop.
- Doc sent out a PowerPoint guide to the measurers; if they have trouble, measurements could be taken manually then figured out for the spreadsheet after, with help.
- We might consider doing a mailing: for ButtonUp, the printing was about \$65 and the mailing was about \$35 for both villages.

3. Climate Strike: Zero emissions by 2035 — Gus

- Select Board meeting 9/11/19 at 7:30 pm: Doc to attend.
- Letter from Strafford Climate Strike Planning Group: Strafford Energy Committee endorses the letter; we also affirm the principle that if the town declares a "Climate Emergency" we need to consistently apply that standard to all heating, cooling, transportation investments the town makes.
- SECC role: The Select Board and others are going to be looking to the Energy Committee for analysis and documentation on how we're doing, with respect to goals; and we need to complete the Enhanced Energy Plan.
- Report on 9/9/19 Youth Climate Activists meeting: Jim and Barbara
- Activities: 9/16: Poster and Sign making 4:30 to 6:30 / 9/20: Vigil on Route 132 alongside Barrett Hall between 7:30 and 9:30 am / 9/27: Sing-along rally at Unitarian Church, South Strafford at 6 pm.

4. Town Office Renovation: Still under review; plan being developed by the architect. Matt has offered to do a blower-door analysis. We need to assert our role as the implementation gets underway. If Matt could be the Selectboard's resource, this would integrate the committee perspectives into the planning.

5. Schools energy initiative. Jim has talked with Erik Reimanis, who advised we let the school get started and the new principle get oriented. It would be helpful if we could come to them with some proposed activities, and a willingness to provide guidance. Jim is willing to work on this and will reach out to Mary Bryant in Thetford.

6. Proposed multi-town energy manager: initially received poorly due to the cost presented by TRORC to employ the Regional Energy Coordinator (REC), but the cost has now been reduced by \$30,000.

7. Mention of Energy Services Forum (including information about Capstone, COVER, and WindowDressers programs for income-challenged residents) on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm at Thetford Community Center and Electric Vehicle Expo at Dothan Brook School on Saturday, September 14 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Adjourned: 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Schley