

Town of Guilford

Energy Committee Meeting Agenda—Draft

5:30 pm Thursday August 27, 2020 via zoom call

Call to order: 5:33 pm

Energy Committee Members Present: Nancy, Ann, Gary, Thayer, Chris

Recognition of Public: none

Energy Committee Member Updates:

- How to connect with the town: how to tell people what we are up to?
 - There is a Guilford Facebook page so we can post there. And post updates on Front Porch Forum.
 - And can we create an email list?
 - Nancy will do a short write up for posting on Facebook and Front Porch forum (and then in the future can add to school newsletter).
 - Nancy noted that we could host a few webinars on energy issues in the area.
 - We haven't done too much on Button Up Vermont—it doesn't require too much work on our part other than highlighting to the community what is happening. It is advertising on Front Porch Forum. Chris noted he called and two contractors from Button Up Vermont came to his home—the programs will pay 75% of installation costs for weatherization work. The money is through Efficiency Vermont. Chris can forward on the email that provides more explanation.
- Chris: VT Bike and Pedestrian Program
 - The application may need to be submitted by the town. The proposal is fairly straightforward in terms of content, but we'll need to get buy-in from the town. Chris spoke to Vermont roadworks who thinks it is technically do-able to build a bike lane.
 - Requirement would be pulling information together from the town.
 - Chris can write up the narrative; who within the town would be helpful.
 - Thayer suggested bringing in Michael Becker from the Selectboard for buy-in and then speaking with neighbors that live along that route; we can also involve Peder Rude.
 - Chris will write up a draft by next Tuesday; it is due September 30th.
- Nancy: Energy Coordinators Chat report out; updates on Window Dressers project.
 - Nancy was at an energy committee chat yesterday to talk through what an energy committee can do. The goal is to get out testimonials from people who have done projects and their lessons learned have been.
 - Highlighted the experience of the Green Island work in Denmark.
<https://www.dw.com/en/danish-island-sams%C3%B8-goes-green/av-51916353>
 - There are workshops every other week for Energy Committees on grant writing, building a team, active energy committees.
- Gary: Windham Regional Commission and solar mapping
 - Margo at WRC contacted GMP to get solar information in better shape for our needs. GMP has added county borders which makes it easier to see where solar installations are in town (all grid-connected).
 - He will do this by October's meeting.
- Ann: VECAN political action group
 - Global Warming Solutions act at the state level is largest update—both chambers have voted on the act. VPIRG is using its mailing list to contact their most active members in specific districts. Hoping for a veto-proof majority.

Close of Meeting: 6:30 pm – next meeting September 24th at 5:30