

Town of Guilford
Energy Committee Meeting Notes—Draft

5:30 pm Thursday February 25, 2021 via zoom

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Call to order: 5:30pm

Energy Committee Members Present: Nancy Detra, Thayer Tomlinson, Gary Swindler, Ann Zimmerman, Chris Beebe

Recognition of Public: no public

Energy Committee Member Updates:

- Window dressers:
 - Nancy sent around a link to Window Dressers project—she is on a list of interested parties in the Brattleboro area. The Energy Committee members were interested and agreed the community input aspect is key. This could be a great opportunity for Guilford once the pandemic is over.
 - Gary is interested in the efficiency claims; Thayer sent it to her colleague at ENERGY STAR for his feedback.
 - The Energy Committee members discussed possible locations.
 - Nancy asked if the Energy Committee would be interested in supporting a project in the area (maybe Brattleboro) – all agreed. Nancy offered to look at next steps for organizing once COVID-19 calms and we could have a public event. Likely we would invite Window Dresser volunteer coordinators from the program to lead the training as volunteers build the windows.
 - Ann noted that if the Guilford Fair were to happen, could have a Window Dressers event in coordination with the fair.
- Solar Map
 - Gary sent out a draft solar map and the Energy Committee reviewed (very impressive data).
 - Some feedback included:
 - Chris suggested reducing the size of the 2006 date (road map age) and increasing the size of the solar map age (2020). He also suggested adding in economics and CO₂ impacts from EIA and EPA sources to make it more digestible and relatable for Guilford residents. Chris will email this detail to Gary.
 - Gary will add in more granular detail on installation sizes and add detail on the key.
 - Gary will get 10 copies printed and a few laminated.
- Bills being discussed at the State level regarding weatherization and builder certification for high performance buildings

- Gary noted that some bills currently in development may relate to the state energy plan. One focuses on builder certification and training for high-quality buildings (energy efficiency, automation, etc.) and the second is for weatherization. Would be good to tie to the state energy plan.
- Ann noted a few other items connected to transportation and a goal for us on how the Energy Committee could be a conduit of information on what is happening at the state level and how it effects Guilford. Ann can provide an update in March at our next meeting.
- Town Plan
 - Thayer noted that the Planning Commission is reviewing the language in the Town Plan and has asked Windham Regional for review. Thayer will reach out to Windham Regional specifically for the energy section review.
- Global Just Recovery Gathering
 - Nancy sent out an announcement for this event – she and Ann have both registered.
- Goals for 2021
 - Nancy – Window Dressers
 - Thayer – Update energy portion of the Town Plan
 - Chris noted other towns in Vermont looking to have municipal energy as net zero. Transportation and vehicle energy use can make this difficult; how could Guilford meet 2030 and 2050 goals? He could put together some information based on other projects he has done. The Energy Committee could work on getting an understanding of what the town’s energy footprint is.
 - Ann – Suggested we have a discussion on what our role is and how we work within the town and how do we communicate? She will forward a list of Bennington’s Energy Committee plans for their course of action in the next year.
 - Next steps – use March 2021 meeting to fully discuss goals for 2021.

Other Updates: none

Schedule Next Meeting: Thursday, March 25th

Close of Meeting: 6:33 pm