

Town of Guilford

Energy Committee Meeting Notes – Draft

5:30 pm Thursday August 26, 2021, via zoom

Call to order – 5:34 pm

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

Recognition of Public – none

Updates & Discussion:

Group Updates

- Nancy and Chris attended the Bernie Sanders Town Hall meeting. Nancy reported that Bernie emphasized the amount of money coming to towns and that 2 things need to happen. 1. Energy Committees need to have projects ready to spend this money on and 2. There is a lot of work to do and a lack of professionals to do the work. Ann had looked at Windham Regional Center course offerings to see what is available; Gary is on the board of SEON (Sustainable Energy Outreach Center) and they have a curriculum available and are working with the career outreach center. He thinks that the active curriculum is working more with people already in the trades and has not seen the level of interest for people coming into the trades.
- All agreed that Chris's idea of a town Net Zero Energy Plan to look at how to reduce GHG footprint at a coordinated level would be extremely helpful rather than our piece-by-piece assessment.

Window Dressers: updates on Assignments and discussion on event and preparations

- Nancy, Steve, and Gary had a training and found that scheduling the measuring takes the greatest amount of time. Nancy and Steve went to a home and did a first run measurement and found it took less than an hour for the 6 windows in that house. There are 3 teams of measurers at this time.
- Nancy won't be able to do as much work helping get measuring volunteers assigned over the near future; Steve and Gary could continue with some measuring work.
- Thayer will coordinate with Ann on volunteering for food service – and how to sign up with the software.
- There are a few posters left but Ann and Nancy have covered most locations. Ann will reach out to the Vernon school to see if they can put an announcement in their newsletter.
- Around the end of September is the deadline for signups. We need about 25 more sign ups.

Guilford Fair schedule and materials

- Window Dresser insert, sign up and laptop – we will just have people write their email address, phone number and name and we can get them into the system; Nancy will drop them off for Thayer to take on Sunday
- Gary's solar map
- Ann will bring Just Transition postcards
- Nancy will have a banner made stating "Guilford Energy Committee: We Can Not Do It Without You"
- Schedule: Gary: Sunday 1 – 4pm; Thayer: set up to 11am; Ann: Monday 10 – 1-ish; (Chris?); Tony (Nancy will call Tony)

Schedule Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23

Close of Meeting: 6:30pm