

Town of Guilford

Energy Committee Meeting Notes – Draft

6:00 pm Thursday, December 2, 2021, via zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88506043623?pwd=VFNIT21JVFFaYVlKdEV5T284ajRyUT09>

Call to order: 6:05pm

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

Recognition of Public: none

Updates & Discussion:

- Window Dressers
 - Outcomes –
 - Had 25 different orders for inserts. 11 out of the 25 were from Guilford. 1 person got them at no-cost; others for subsidized amounts.
 - 156 inserts were made in total; 57 were for Guilford homes.
 - The event brought a lot of new people together to participate – had over 55 different people volunteering to build inserts, provide measurements at homes and buildings.
 - Repeating in 2022 – Nancy willing to be the local coordinator again if this is held next year. Ann noted that there definitely needs to be someone there everyday that really knew what was going on – Nancy was there each day to run the program.
 - Jobs to add for next year:
 - Publicity could be a stand-alone option; have a volunteer photographer come a few times.
 - Those who attended this year could be shift supervisors next year who now know how this works.
 - Preliminary work for next year will be getting the Brattleboro Energy Committee to fully sign on and participate more.
 - Location worked well and would be good to repeat for next year.
 - Ann noted that the table sign up events didn't bring in a lot of participants at each one, but they helped bring small amounts each time.
- Visioning for 2022 activities
 - Discussed the Montpelier 2030 Net Zero goal document – Chris talked about larger scale projects and plans.
 - Could we find funding for a scoping study?
 - Chris talked about older wood stoves and emissions issues; finding state programs for stove swap outs? How to create more efficient options for wood heating – more efficient wood stacking and coordinate with Guilford Cares. This also provides an outside opportunity to work with people.
 - Nancy stated a goal of increasing number of people in the community that are aware of the positive results of their actions.

- Ann noted the success of public forums and educational events – especially once COVID has calmed so we can provide in-person events. Also spoke about options for people looking to increase their mobility – how can the Energy Committee support electric vehicle.
- Thayer highlighted a lot of work that is increasing in Algiers around trail networks and coordinated planning – this could be an opportunity for solar panels that could be used communally.
- Discussed ARPA funds that will come to Guilford, when the applications need to be in, and what kinds of projects will be considered.
- For January 2022 Meeting:
 - We all look at the Montpelier document for ideas – and come to the next meeting with ideas.
 - Come up with a schedule of what the Energy Committee wants to address in 2022.
 - In addition to the Window Dressers, what other insulating opportunities exist that may not be extremely high-cost?
- Future of Energy Committee with Planning Commission changes – no changes to the Energy Committee.

Other Updates: none

Schedule Next Meeting: 6:00pm, January 27, 2022

Close of Meeting: 7:00pm