

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
ENERGY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday January 14, 2019 at 6pm at the Peacham Library

UNAPPROVED

Present:

Energy Committee Members: Jock Gill, Jeff Lane, Morgan Gold, Mary Daly, Tom Bryer, Gretchen Kaija

Chair: Jock Gill

Clerk: Jeff Lane

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:09pm by Chair Jock Gill
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. Minutes from December meeting were approved. Jock Gill moved to approve, Tom Bryer seconds. So moved.
3. Review Correspondence – no correspondence
4. Public Input – no public input
5. Additions to agenda – Jock Gill made a statement and prompted a discussion regarding the relationship between the school board alternative energy projects and the Peacham Energy Committee.
6. Old Business
  - a. ButtonUp event at Library 01/24/19 – The Peacham Library is hosting a ButtonUp Vermont workshop with a local energy auditor providing a presentation. Tom B will have ButtonUp VT information and samples of indoor storm windows. A discussion took place regarding the extent to which the Peacham Energy Committee should encourage educational events that might be construed as sales or marketing events for private businesses.
  - b. Energy plans from other communities – it was agreed that Peacham Energy Committee members should read and become familiar with the structure of existing energy plans developed by other communities.
  - c. Internal storm window workshop – Tom B has communicated with Window Dressers of Rockland, ME. They are interested in cooperating with VT communities to bring low cost indoor storm windows to our area. Tom expressed interest in working with them and will continue discussions.
7. New Business
  - a. Tesla/Efficiency VT – Tesla is interested in hosting an electric vehicle workshop in the spring where they would bring vehicles for people to test drive. The consensus among members present was that it was a gray area between an educational event and a sales event. Jeff Lane suggested we contact and invite other electric vehicle manufacturers (e.g. Nissan and Chevy) to expand the educational aspects of the event. Jock Gill will follow up with these businesses.
8. Peacham Energy Plan
  - a. Discussion of energy plans of other communities
  - b. Workshop a rough draft for a Peacham Energy Plan – Jeff Lane agreed to create an outline of the energy plan based on previous work in other communities. Morgan Gold

agreed to develop a timeline. Gretchen Kaija will develop a short statement about the work of the Peacham Energy Committee for the 2019 Peacham Annual Report. Mary Daly will contact the regional planning commission to request any data they currently have for Peacham. Tom began a discussion regarding whether the energy committee's product would be a stand-alone document or be integrated into the Town Plan. Jock Gill agreed to inquire with the Selectboard and the Planning Commission to see if they had a preference. The consensus among members present was to integrate the document into the Town Plan, with the goal that the final Energy Plan be approved at Town Meeting 2020.

9. Addition to Agenda – Tech update from Morgan Gold – an email address was established for official energy committee correspondence ([energy@peacham.org](mailto:energy@peacham.org)). A Front Porch Forum government account was created for similar business. The committee should have a website presence housed within the town of Peacham site. A DropBox account was created for working documents. Morgan will be the point person for these accounts, with access available to all members.
10. Adjourn – Jeff Lane motions to adjourn at 7:45. Morgan seconds. All in favor, so moved. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting to be held Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6pm at the Peacham Library