

# Town of Peacham Energy Committee

## Monday February 8, 2021 : 7:00 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

Attending: Jock Gill (chair), Allison Webster, Bruce Westcott, Thomas Bryer, Dan O'Brien

1. Call to order : 7:07 PM
2. Additions to the agenda - None
3. Approval of minutes of December, 2020 meeting : Motion to approve/second: Webster/O'Brien: passed unanimously.
4. Public comment period – None
5. Old business
  1. Tom offered comments provided by Anne Lawless (Heat Squad – NEK Outreach). He notes that the \$150 fee for an energy audit is limited to 2500 sq.ft., and that there is another \$100 fee for larger domiciles.
  2. Jock asked Bruce how his home heat pumps are working.
  3. Allie reported that she is working with the School to use some heat-sensitive cameras, and get the kids involved in helping to do energy work at the School.
6. Review Allie Webster's information campaign – Jock complemented Allie on all the public outreach and energy messaging she has been doing on our behalf. All members expressed concern that we are not hearing of more uptake from Peacham residents
7. Discussion of the availability of a USDA-RD grant proposal: there was brainstorming of whether we might successfully seek funding from Rural Development programs of USDA: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/vt>
8. Pending approval of the budget requested for the Energy Committee, there was some discussion of a letter to townspeople. This will be covered at our next meeting, just after Town Meeting.
9. There was general discussion of the Governor's announced priority of spending "one time" funding from projects in Vermont, including energy conservation.
10. Review correspondence
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Bryer/O'Brien passed unanimously. 7:53 pm.