

Town of Peacham Energy Committee

Monday March 8, 2021 : 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order : 7:14 PM
2. Additions to the agenda - None
3. Approval of minutes of February 2021 meeting : Motion to approve/second: Webster/O'Brien: passed unanimously.
4. Public comment period – None
5. Old business – None
6. Plan for Energy Audit Plan (Webster) – Jock said he has asked Alison to coordinate with Tom Bryer; she provided a short presentation on our proposed outreach. The voters approved \$2,750 for the Committee to provide home energy audit incentives; the goal is to promote \$50 audits. She has talked with Heat Squad about adapting materials; hopefully they can be finalized in March. Hope to make a mailing in April, and will share printed materials with us later this week.
7. What is a definition of “Energy Efficiency”?
8. What can we do to prepare for a GMP micro-grid program in Peacham? – Jock talked to GMP – see notes below – and reported that what we need to do is to create a “critical infrastructure” map: all facilities that offer public services, or would offer emergency services? Is there a solar array? If so, where, and financed how? And how would it be connected to 3-phase power (now only on Maple Tree Lane)? It would be useful to gather power consumption data from the major public/non-profit structures, and then get GMP data on average household consumption? The goal is energy resilience in the face of man-made emergencies or acts of nature.
9. WEC presentation for the Town – Jock asked for a motion to invite WEC to make a public presentation about its work in Peacham: past, present and future. Motion (Westcott/O'Brien) passed unanimously.
10. Review of Correspondence – None
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Webster/O'Brien passed unanimously. 7:54 p.m.

Jock's notes of discussion with Robert Dostis (GMP):

He recommended: Start thinking about your critical infrastructure – what is it – where is it – i.e. communications facilities, shelters – creating some kind of map could be really helpful and is usually the first step when deciding what is key for resiliency. And then any understanding on space if it were to be a solar + storage system – is there roof space or any ground space that could accept a project for example.