

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Minutes of Peacham Energy Committee (PEC)

January 10, 2022

PEC Members in attendance:

- Jock Gill (chair)
- Harry Vann
- Allie Webster
- Bruce Westcott

1. Call to order: 7:06 PM
2. Additions to the agenda – None
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Motion to approve minutes of November 2021 (Gill/Vann) approved unanimously.
4. Public comment period – No members of the public attended
5. Nominating/electing new PEC Chair: The Chair announced he was resigning as Chair, and nominated Allie Webster to serve. Harry Vann seconded; Allie accepted the nomination, and was elected unanimously.
6. Peacham Community Solar - Update & Action Items : There was discussion of the subscriptions that have been taken, a question about whether the Peacham Children's Center might acquire shares, and other related issues. The new website is: <https://www.wecomcommunitysolar.website/> , and contains all relevant marketing materials.
7. Climate Catalysts Innovation Grant - Implementation Strategy – There was discussion of how Peacham farmers respond to offers of assistance in having energy audits, and making efficiency improvements. (Background: we received a grant to split into 4 mini-grants to farmers to incentivize energy improvements. We had thought an energy audit would be seen as a benefit, but we have gained the impression that it might be a barrier. The grant terms are flexible and having an energy audit done is not required, so PEC can be flexible in how the grants are disbursed, with the goal remaining of increasing comfort and reducing energy costs for Peacham farmers.)
8. Funding Energy Initiatives with ARPA - will attend next VLCT's info session to learn more about the possibilities on Feb 2
9. Campaigns & Events (i.e. Window Dressers, Electrify Everything, Battery Collective) - Discussed focusing on getting full subscription for Peacham Community Solar (currently 40%)
10. Outreach & Communications (i.e. new PEC website - [wecomcommunitysolar.website](https://www.wecomcommunitysolar.website/)) - continue to spread the word about Peacham solar (PEC members are doing individual outreach), as well as weatherization and energy efficiency resources
11. Review correspondence - None
12. Adjournment - 7:01 PM