

Town of Peacham
Minutes of Peacham Energy Committee (PEC)
February 17, 2022

PEC members in attendance
Allison Webster (Chair)
Jock Gill

1. Call to order: 7:13
2. Additions to the agenda-none
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes-Motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022, made by Jock Gill, second by Tom Bryer. Motion passed with one abstention. (TB)
4. Public Comment-No members of the public were present.
5. Peacham Community Solar update and action update-Commitments for the project is now at approximately 40%. There is a local business and farm considering purchasing shares. Another town is also interested. Discussion centered on marketing and clarifying purchase/financing options. The project needs to have significant commitments to be commissioned in 2022.
6. Climate Catalysts innovation grant- There are three outstanding \$500 grants available for energy efficient upgrades to local dairy farms. Discussed reluctance by farmers to accept the grant money. Discussed other potential recipients. Decided on a May 1st deadline for commitments from existing contacts before exploring alternative beneficiaries.
7. Funding Energy Initiatives-EV charging station at the Peacham Library- The PEC reviewed the proposal from the Peacham Library Board of Directors and a request for up to \$400 in funds. The committee supports the project and feels it would be a valuable asset for our community and local businesses. The PEC has adequate funds for our immediate needs. The Town Clerk informed the Chair that we have the authority to commit funds to this project. We would like the Select Board to consider splitting the cost with the PEC.
8. Campaigns and Events.
 - Window Dressers: Tom relayed a conversation he had with David Hollocher from Barnet regarding the Window Dressers project. David is on the Barnet energy committee and is interested in partnering with Peacham. There is also interest in Ryegate and Danville. It is a big project and will need substantial coordination. We are encouraged with the possibility of partnering with neighboring towns.
 - Regional Energy Fair: Allie spoke about an NVDA initiative to organize an Energy Fair in the NEK. A possible location is the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. The committee discussed energy related topics that might be of interest.
 - Elf on the Shelf: Possible product sharing opportunity at the recycling center. Project “shelved” for now.
9. Outreach and communications.
 - Committee discussed the need to update our website content and the need for additional help. We don’t have the bandwidth to keep a website up to date.

- Content for the next mailing was considered. We felt it would be beneficial to summarize what the PEC has been doing to promote awareness of the committee. We could bring attention to the community solar project and Window Dressers. We could also invite people to join our wonderful committee.

10. Review Correspondence-none

11. Adjournment. Motion by Jock, second by Tom. Adjourned at 8:33.

Tom Bryer, recording secretary

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