

Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee – 21-July-2022

Held at residence of member Westcott, 147 Macks Mountain Road, Peacham

Those present: Chair Allie Webster, Tom Bryer, Jock Gill, Bruce Westcott, Harry Vann

1. Call to order: 6:53PM
2. Additions to the agenda – We note the desire to have a future/continuing discussion regarding a WEC Community Solar project. This will be on a future agenda.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Motion to approve minutes of June 2021 (Tom/Jock) approved unanimously.
4. Review correspondence - None
5. Public comment period – No members of the public attended; no emails received. Bruce asked if we could not make some use of the Town website; perhaps populating the “Boards and Commissions” page with useful documents. There was general discussion of the short term, and perhaps a larger effort to have a more purposeful website developed in the future. Harry suggested that we should have a presence at the regular Peacham Community Collaborators meeting.
6. Peacham Community Solar – Last night the Selectboard signed off on the Solar Credit Purchase Agreement, which will provide the Town with a stream of discounted (10%) power from the array. The application for a Certificate of Public Good has been submitted to the PUC. The Chair noted that a document detailing the relationship between PCS and the Town is available on the PCS website: <https://www.wecommunitysolar.website/> in the Q&A.
7. Campaigns and Events
 1. WindowDressers – Tom reiterated that the goal was to have plans for 200+ units organized for a “build” activity. This is a multi-town activity, and roughly 30-40 of the units ordered are in Peacham. Tom said that he is discussing enrollment with households in town, some have since signed up for 11 units/home. The average price is about \$45, depending upon size of window. In addition, the Energy Committee has dedicated some funds, and WindowDressers are willing to offer some subsidy. There was additional discussion of grant funds available to support the work, and discussion of the possible savings of Energy Committee budgeted mailing costs (through donated labor), which could be diverted to support for WindowDressers. Tom is not certain that there is bandwidth for taking on new orders, given current demand. There was further discussion of possible over-subscription scenarios, with the expectation that a wait list will be developed, for action in the following year. There was overall commitment to “table” this and related information at the Transfer Station on coming Saturdays. Tom will attend an upcoming WindowDressers meeting, and report back.
 2. Potential Collaboration with other Town Committees – Tom said that the Window Dressers committee is largely made up of representatives from the Energy

Committees from four towns. There was discussion of having the WD “build” be more of an energy fair, with other organizations represented. This will be held at the vestry in Barnet Center:

Build Dates: November 11 – 16, 2022
278 Barnet Center Rd, Barnet, VT 05821
Contact: 4townbuild@gmail.com

<https://windowdressers.org/vermont-community-builds/>

There was discussion of having a Peacham town gathering, perhaps hosted at the Church, perhaps with food from the Cafe. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

8. Outreach & Communications – There was discussion of tabling Energy Committee activities at the Saturday Peacham Transfer Station. We will plan to do at least 3 Saturdays in the late summer/fall. There was discussion of the handout materials which we will utilize.

There was discussion of the possible costs of a community mailing, depending upon whether all activities are performed by a vendor, or whether we can get volunteers to be folding/stuffing, etc.

At the next meeting we will discuss the need to gather together Peacham organizations (Selectboard, Fire Department, Cafe, Churches, School, Library, etc.) to discuss preparedness for anyone who needs/wants assistance.

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted (Bryer, Gill) - 8:03 pm