

Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee – 8-August-2022

Held at the Peacham Public Library, Peacham

Those present: Chair Allie Webster, Tom Bryer, Bruce Westcott, (Harry Vann, Jock Gill via ZOOM)

1. Call to order: 7:12PM
2. Additions to the agenda – discuss the need to gather together Peacham organizations (Selectboard, Fire Department, Cafe, Church, School, Library) to discuss preparedness for unaffordable heating bills this winter
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Motion to approve minutes of July 2021 (Jock/Harry) approved unanimously.
4. Review correspondence - None
5. Public comment period – No members of the public attended; no emails received.
6. Budget Discussion – There was discussion of low-cost energy efficiency materials that we can show and/or hand out when we are making public presentations.

We discussed home energy audits, and whether or not there is sustained demand. There are two programs: the NETO-Vermont program – <https://www.vtneto.org/> – can make home energy audits and weatherization improvements at no cost for income-eligible households. The Heat Squad audit program requires payment of a \$50 fee (and the Committee/Town is helping to subsidize this) for households.

7. Outreach Campaigns and Events
 1. Tabling at Transfer Station – Bruce and Jock discussed their experience tabling last Saturday. Other members will be doing so in following weeks. There was discussion of the “messaging” that will be most effective in motivating people to take on home conservation measures - save money, be more comfortable.
 2. [WindowDressers](#) – Tom reported that demand of (about 280) windows exceeds the estimated program capacity of 250; though he expects that the 280 figure will be reduced as home measurements go forward. Tom will be getting training, and the program implementation is planned for Fall.
 3. Discuss Community Resilience and a possible community event – Consideration of when (seasonal; indoor or outdoor?); possibly Church parking lot, with social hall indoor ; or possibly on the tennis court, with gym as backup. Discussion of who would attend, and who would present. Time of day discussion: morning (with coffee and donuts), or evening munchies, or even a supper? Harry described an event in St. Johnsbury which he attended, at which multiple energy-related groups each could make a 5-minute presentation, followed by a panel, and allowing people to ask follow up questions. Discussion converged on the idea of an hour-long program consisting of 5-minute presentations, followed by 30 minutes of questions to a panel, and then having organizational tables available for another hour.

4. Danville EV Fair (September 17, 10am-1pm @Marty's) –
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=5982991915046542&set=gm.809107526947660&id=558037545387994>
8. Peacham Community Solar – Bruce asked when the next payment for shares will be due. That will be based on the public process, so the date is uncertain at this time.
9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted (Webster, Bryer)