

Starksboro Energy Committee

Monday January 8, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Welcome
2. Public Comments
3. Approve Minutes from 12/13/23 Meeting
  - a. No quorum so didn't vote
4. Updates from ACRPC – Rich Warren
  - a. Not able to
5. Allocating Solar Credits to Town Buildings
  - a. Working with Green Mountain Power to Access Town and Solar Electric Data
  - b. Setting Up a System for Ongoing Allocation to Maximize the Credits
  - c. Jeff didn't have a chance to follow up, he but will make a call to Rebecca to see if he can help reallocate.
  - d. Could save +/- \$100 per month in lost credits.
  - e. Any accounts that had meter reading fees only no longer get credits, so we lose those every month.
  - f. Two or three accounts to address
6. Transitioning ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to the Town
  - a. We need Megan or Robyn to help with that.
  - b. Richard to try personal call to Megan and Robyn to see if they are still interested in participating in the Energy Committee.
7. Grant Updates
  - a. [Act 172](#) (MERP Grant)
    - i. \$4,000 Community Event
      1. Supporting Community Liaison Access
      2. Pete A-K and Rebecca are meeting on Thursday to discuss spending some of the grant funds for Pete to support potential enrollees with WAP program participation
      3. If Pete gets the green light, SEC will work with him to promote this effort and get the word out
    - ii. Building Audits
      1. Jerusalem Schoolhouse
      2. Food Shelf
      3. Richard will ask Rebecca to include us in the assessments.
  - b. Seeking Other Grants
    - i. Starksboro Public Library Energy and Ventilation Project
      1. No word from the Library Board
      2. Richard reach out to Susan Thompson to ask about central heat pump and solar panels on the Pavilion

- ii. Pavilion Solar Roof or other PV
    - 1. 13 kW Town Gap
    - 2. 8 kW Library Electrification Needs Once Converted
    - 3. SEC should keep looking for solar options for the Pavilion
- 8. Meeting House Preschool Project
  - a. Richard, Rich Warren, Matt Sharpe from Efficiency Vermont met with Kegan Tierney to review preschool project
  - b. Looking for contractor to replace the floor with insulated concrete slab with
  - c. Think about contractors
    - i. Tom Wilson of Mtn Tree Construction
    - ii. Tim Sinkevich may be a possibility
    - iii. Greg Orvis may know of some in S. Starksboro
    - iv. Nermegh Leggett in Huntington
    - v. Richard mention to Keegan
- 9. Robinson School Heat Pump Water Heaters
  - a. Richard has contacted Joel Fitzgerald multiple times with no response
  - b. Consider reaching out to Patrick Reen to see if Joel is still working there
  - c. In the meantime, we're still burning oil and could be using heat pumps
- 10. Weatherization Campaign Plans
  - a. Offering Community Liaison
  - b. Front Porch Forum & Energy Corner Postings once we hear the resolution from Rebecca and Pete A-K
- 11. Town Meeting
  - a. Discuss at a future meeting
  - b. If Pete agrees to offer services, may be worth mentioning
  - c. If we get energy assessments of buildings, may be worth mentioning
- 12. 2024 Ideas
  - a. We aren't feeling like we have any more available time
- 13. Energy Committee meetings timing and attendance
  - a. If others want to move to a different time that would increase attendance, it's worth considering
  - b. Moving to 7:00 would be too late in general
  - c. If Megan and Robyn can't make it, should we consider dropping the number of people on the committee which would reduce the quorum
- 14. Other business
  - a. None
- 15. Next meeting – 2/12/24