

Starksboro Energy Committee

Monday April 6, 2026

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

1. Welcome
  - a. Members: Adam Aguirre, Richard Faesy, Rich Warren, Jeff Dunham
  - b. Others: Amanda Vincent, Luke McCarthy, Susan Kleiber
2. Public Comments
  - a. None
3. Approve Minutes from 3/2/26 meeting
  - a. Jeff moved, Adam
  - b. Approved
4. SEC Appointments

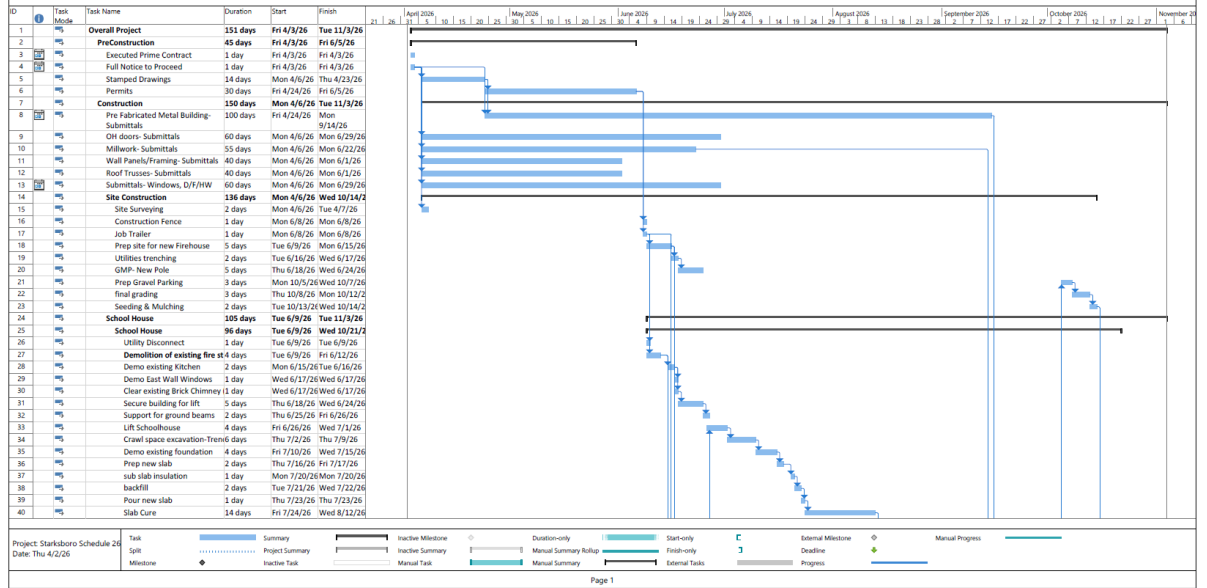
Position	Term Length	Appt Start	Appt End	Current	Contact Info	Former
Adam Aguirre	1 year	2025	2026			
Richard Warren	1 year	2025	2026			
Megan Nedzinski	2 year	2024	2026			
Jeff Dunham	2 year	2024	2026			
Richard Faesy	3 year	2025	2028			

- a.
- b. Original intent was to have all terms be three years, so stagger these
- c. Adam: 3 years
- d. Open seat: 3 years
- e. Rich: 1 year
  - i. Next year move Rich to 3 years
- f. Jeff stays at 2 years
- g. Where did the Energy Committee originate?
  - i. Jeff and Richard proposed to the Select Board and they agreed
  - ii. Amanda will go back to look at SB notes to see original intent for terms and then will bring renewed terms to the SB tomorrow night
- h. Ideas for open seat
  - i. Jeff suggested Nate Gusakov
  - ii. Susan Thompson maybe
  - iii. No idea if he is interested
  - iv. Put out Front Porch Forum
    1. Richard to put out request for recruitment
    2. Suggest Mondays time, open to other
    3. One hour, open to moving
    4. Interest in energy issues, on committee
    5. Mention projects
  - v. SB makes final decision, so bring nominations to them
  - vi. Keep Amanda noticed

5. MERP Grant updates
  - a. Food Shelf
    - i. Budget update
      1. Efficiency Vermont rebates will be available
      2. Building Energy reimbursement from MERP will only be \$3000
      3. Original budget was supposed to be \$13,000
      4. \$9300 from EVT
      5. No budget left for additional projects at the Food Shelf, so will have to be from volunteer labor
    - ii. Remaining projects left to be done by volunteers
      1. Patch/paint NE wall
      2. Paint attic scuttle hatch, new door trim
      3. Heat pump thermostats
      4. Water heater switch
    - iii. Sign on barrier
      1. Rich feels like the block back needs to move the block back further towards the generator
      2. Amanda will bring up moving at the SB meeting to move back within 3 feet of generator
      3. Richard contacted GMP and they said they only need 3 feet minimum clearance for reading the meter, so Pete and Tony Porter can arrange to move the block accordingly
      4. The sign should keep people back
      5. Watch out for any inground electrical wires when putting up the sign
        - a. Contact DigSafe first
      6. Rich will install when the block is in place on PO side of the block
  - b. Jerusalem Schoolhouse
    - i. Silver Maple contract
      1. Signed contract in place now
      2. Moving into contracting phase
      3. Mobilizing in June
      4. Sprinkler system
        - a. Just one head in mechanical room
        - b. Another layer of sheetrock on mechanical room wall
        - c. \$20k budget instead of the original \$200k budget
    - ii. Budget
      1. SMC will update and share
      2. Luke will request updated budget from them
    - iii. HVAC options
      1. MERP had crossed off heat pumps
      2. Amanda will look into MERP to try to get them to cover the HVAC systems
    - iv. Timeline



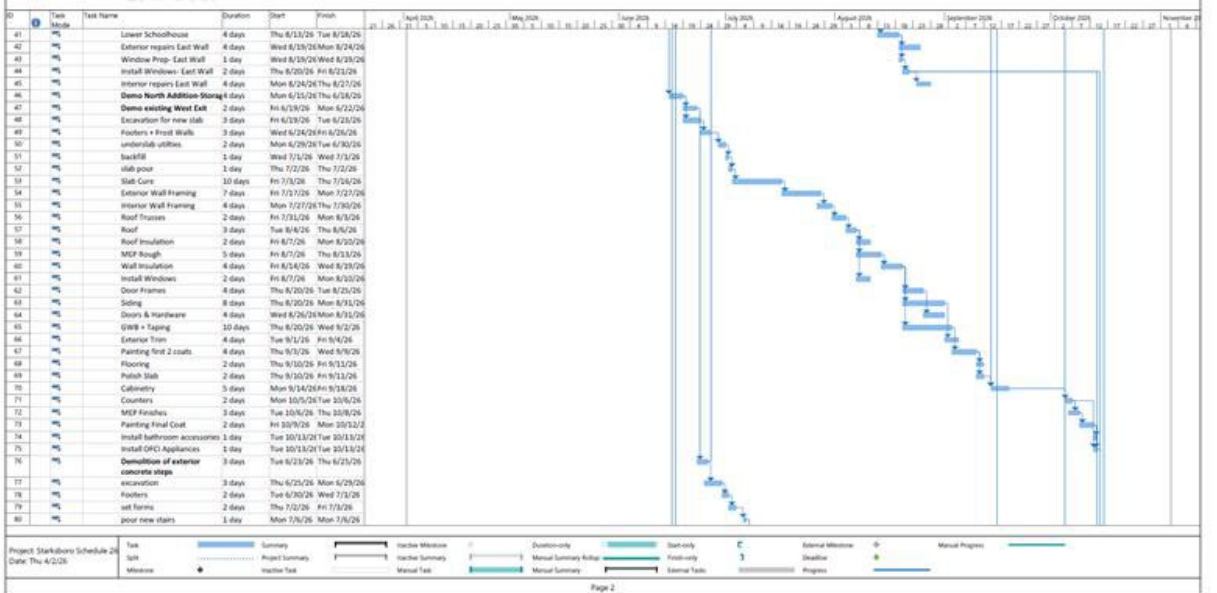
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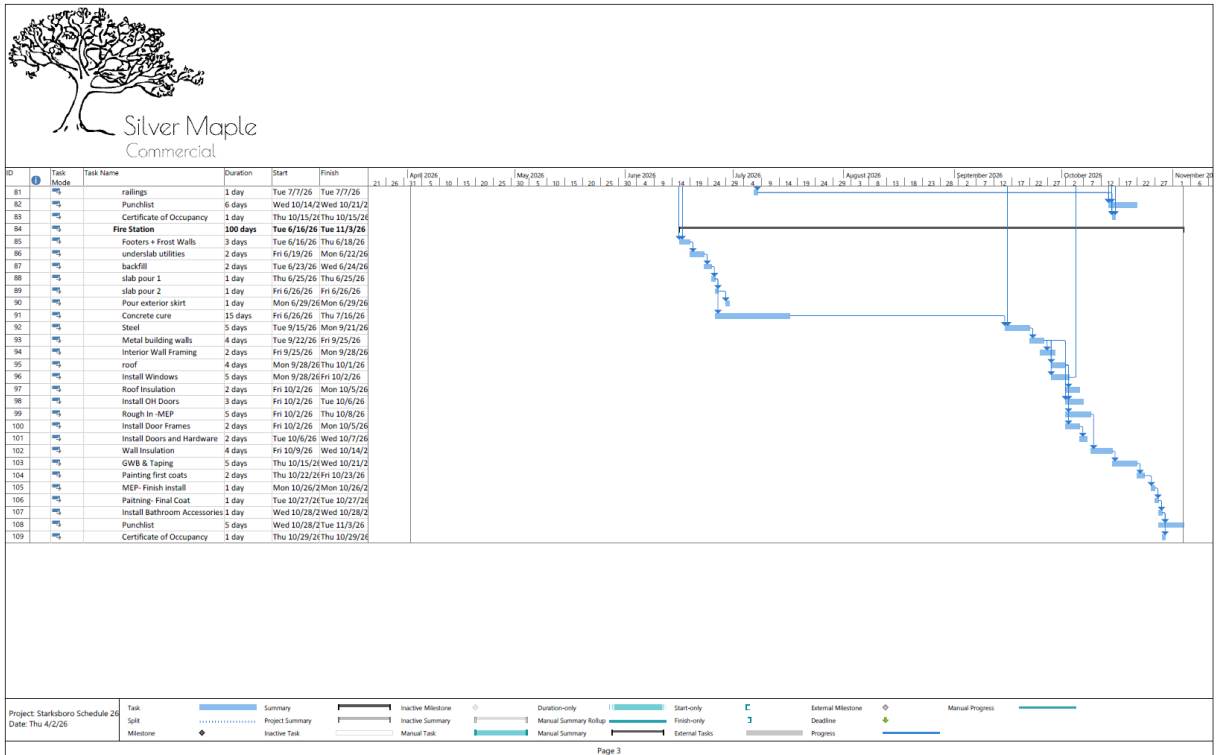
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- a. Will insulate community center wall and add as change order
- b. Bond Bank eligibility criteria review (Amanda)
- c. Project timing and coordination
- d. From the original MERP scope of work:
  - The Jerusalem Schoolhouse upgrades include:
    - 1. HVAC:
      - a. Install heat pump system.
      - b. Mechanical ventilation.
    - 2. Envelope:
      - a. Insulate foundation.
      - b. Insulate and air seal walls.
      - c. Weatherstripping doors.
      - d. Replace windows
    - 3. ADA: Make ADA improvements which meet a budget of 20% of project construction costs
    - 4. Other:
      - a. Appliance replacement with efficient models.
      - b. Electric service upgrade to support heat pumps.
- e.
  - i. Historic Preservation
    - 1. Need to make sure someone has completed all the required consultations
    - 2. SMC needs to be reminded to consult with them
      - a. Wall insulation
      - b. Storm windows
      - c. Megan walked just the outside with Historic Preservation
  - ii. Asbestos testing

1. Clay Point did asbestos testing and had found some that SMC needs to make sure and address
  2. Can't get MERP grant without remediating and addressing the asbestos issues
9. Library/Town Hall Grant for new HVAC System
- a. Susan Thompson submitted to Library Grant for \$100k for new heat pumps for both floors of building
  - b. Will need fire dampers
  - c. Could use existing stairwell
  - d. Fire Marshall wants to close off the ducts from the basement
  - e. Get the mechanical out of the attic and into the basement
  - f. Vermont Energy Casey Magdon provided the bid and should be contacted if awarded to adjust project design to meet Fire Safety requirements
10. ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM) Bill Data Entry Status (Amanda)
- a. All electric data for all buildings is entered.
  - b. Delivered fuels still need to be gathered for all buildings
  - c. Pay intern (Cohen Bove) once he has completed entering all the information
  - d. Amanda might have time to help solicit oil and propane bills
    - i. Will reach out to Cohen with updated information
11. Town Offices
- a. Is EVT still able to offer the 75% rebate up to \$10,000 rebate?
    - i. We think so
  - b. Settlement of insulation in top of walls causing heat loss and ice dams on roof this winter
  - c. Get Building Energy with thermal camera to do inspection and estimate
  - d. Richard to line up Jacob for estimate with IR camera before it gets too warm out
12. Town Energy Plan
- a. Enhanced Energy Plan grant from ACRPC (Jolyon) still available?
  - b. Bristol has been deemed compliant
  - c. Huntington, Richmond, S. Burlington
  - d. Adam will find good examples to share
  - e. Substantial deference has never been fully tested in court
  - f. Luke:
    - i. Town Plan expires in September
    - ii. PC invites the ES to do whatever we want
    - iii. Timing is for November vote
      1. Early September wrap up deadline
      2. Kicking the Energy Section to us to run with it
13. Other business
14. Next meeting – 5/4/26