

Starksboro Energy Committee

Monday June 2, 2025

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
    - a. Richard Faesy
    - b. Rich Warren
    - c. Jeff Dunham
    - d. Megan Nedzinski
  2. Public Comments
  3. Approve Minutes from 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, and 5/20/25 meetings
    - a. Rich moved, Jeff seconded
    - b. Megan approved those she attended
    - c. Approved
  4. Town Plan and the Energy Plan status
    - a. Current plan expires a year from now
    - b. Zoning regulations are already stale, but working on
    - c. Richard to reach out to Denny Casey to let know we can help
    - d. RPC is also available
      - i. Towns finalize Plan at the local level
      - ii. RPC meets with local officials to review energy plan
    - e. Try to get on grant we missed out on for next year
    - f. Rich Warren will reach out to Adam Louge at ACRPC to find out status
  5. ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Town data entry coordination
    - a. Megan and Amanda
    - b. Traded availability
    - c. Trying to get new town treasurer involved
    - d. Megan's scarce time would be better spent on MERP and J-School at this time
    - e. Kick ESPM down the road a bit until the MERP projects are making progress
    - f. Orientation to the ESPM tool would best come from Megan, rather than having someone from EVT who would have to start from scratch
    - g. Regional Energy Plans need information that this could help, but we need to use the MERP funds as a priority
  6. EV charger rate review
    - a. Jeff has looked into this some

- b. Decided not to consider solar as part of EV charging rates
- c. Keep it just based on GMP costs and charger maintenance costs
- d. Compare to other charging rates
  - i. Those with EV charging history could look at their apps and see how much others are charging as a comparison
    - 1. Richard and Megan can check
- e. Amanda said ChargePoint contract expires in 2027
- f. Elements of our new EV rate:
  - i. GMP Rate
    - 1. Include all of the fixed and variable costs
  - ii. Need to take into account future ChargePoint maintenance costs
    - 1. After it kicks in in 2027
  - iii. Credit card service fee by ChargePoint
- g. Jeff will analyze, compared to our experience with ChargePoint
- 7. MERP Grant next steps
  - a. Review specs and budgets, update
    - i. ☐ [Quotes for MERP](#)
  - b. Jerusalem Schoolhouse
    - i. Megan is compiling quotes based on the information available by source
    - ii. Identifying line items and magnitude of impact on budget
    - iii. Trying to work towards scope based on budget
    - iv. Will work with Luke, Silver Maple, architect once we pull together more information
    - v. Project may be more than \$1.1 million, but will need more research
    - vi. Megan is trying to figure out what we can afford before going back to GVV so they don't redraw what we don't need
      - 1. Trying to get closer to what the budget will be
      - 2. Need more information on other grants Amanda applied for
    - vii. Vote was up to \$1.1 million but there are other funds too
      - 1. MERP
      - 2. Other sources
      - 3. Scope based on sources
    - viii. Megan's budget will have large margin of error, but estimates will help narrow this in
      - 1. Neagley & Chase estimate was just for the new fire station and site work
        - a. No existing building work or demolition
    - ix. Putting the scope out to bid will help refine the final budget
    - x. This is really a budgeting exercise at this point
  - c. Food Shelf
    - i. ADA Access
      - 1. Remove fence and disposal; Rich will do but he needs to know what to do with the materials that come down
        - a. Does the road crew want anything?
      - 2. Jeff, Richard and Rich to meet Howard Heustis on site to talk through door options to make ADA accessible

- a. Richard to set up
- 3. With \$10k for the fridge and freezer, we are at about 40% ADA expenses.
- ii. Refrigerator and Freezer purchase plans
  - 1. Richard has quotes from two companies
  - 2. Needs tax exempt form from the Town
- iii. Review budget
- iv. Bid process plans
- 8. Other business
- 9. Next meeting – 7/7/25