Energy Committee Minutes

 6/20/19

Present: Michael Simonds, Vance Bell, Tom Johnson, Cathy Stover, Bill Dunkel

I. Michael moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting. Second by Vance; unanimously approved.

II. Discussion of Next Steps for Energy Committee

 We agreed to each investigate one or more of the following possible courses of action and report at our next meeting in August.

1. Tom will look into promoting carpooling and exploring the GO, Vermont carpooling software. Resources and ideas include contacting VECAN; joining Go, Vermont!; looking into community grant programs from VLCT and other public or private agencies and perhaps investigating the de facto park and ride at the junction of RT. 11 and Horsenail Hill.

 2.) Vance will explore creating a propane/fuel oil purchasing coop to decrease truck traffic and multiple deliveries in theTimber Ridge area. This could involve contacting fuel oil companies, the Neighborhood Savings Group and perhaps surveying people in Timber Ridge.

 3.) Bill and Dawn will explore creating a weatherization coop among residents who would contract with one vendor for cheaper prices. They may contact vendors who have attended our energy fair, Efficiency VT; VT Foam, etc.

 4.) Michael will explore the creation of incentives which might encourage new home builders or retrofitters to build more efficiently. VECAN, the WRC, the VT Green Building Network (VGBN), Efficiency Vermont, local planning commissions and town energy committees are possible resources.

 5.) Tom will investigate how to best organize and promote Efficiency Vermont’s incentive programs and energy saving technologies. This may involve creating a list or spreadsheet and identifying public events and other opportunities for distributing the information.

 6.) Bill and Dawn will look into organizing a fall town energy fair at which people in town who are doing innovative things to generate or save energy can report about this.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, at 4:30. There will be no meeting in July.

Vance moved to adjourn, seconded by Michael. Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.