

Energy Committee Minutes  
9/19/19

Meeting called to order at 4:35PM

Present: Dawn Bower, Vance Bell, Bill Dunkel, Tom Johnson, Michael Simonds

Michael presented data on energy generation and energy usage at his new home, which was very interesting and useful. He feels that the data indicates that the town will need much more than ten acres of land for solar panels in order to meet the renewable energy generation target set for Windham by the WRC under Act 174. The committee tended to agree with him.

The minutes from our previous meeting (8/15) were adopted after two changes were made. (Motion by Michael, seconded by Dawn.)

The committee decided that the fall energy fair will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 PM. Bill will check to see if the school is available. We can publicize the fair in *Windham News & Notes*, at the Harvest supper on Nov. 9, and in other ways. Bill will find out when is the next deadline for the *News & Notes*.

The committee also decided to participate in the revised Button Up, VT program this year and invite a representative from Efficiency VT to attend the fair and speak after several Windham residents present testimonials about weatherization and energy efficiency projects they have done at their homes. We agreed to make a list of local vendors who do weatherization work available to people in town, but not to invite vendors to attend the energy fair because it would make the program too lengthy.

We brainstormed a list of questions or topics which might serve as a useful template for people who will speak at the fair. They include:

- What motivated you to make these home improvements?
- Brief description of work done

- Cost; Rebates
- Energy Savings
- Cost Savings
- Improved comfort level
- Satisfaction level with vendor and work done

Likely or Possible Presenters:

Michael Simonds

Tom Johnson

Pete Newton

Cathy Stover?

Heath Boyer?

Lynn Behrendt

Antje Rupert

Russ Cumming?

Leigh Merinoff?

Vance reported that he has drafted a letter to Timber Ridge residents to see if they might be interested in forming a fuel purchasing cooperative. Vance will try to get an estimate of how much it will cost to do a mailing and the Energy Committee will decide whether to ask the Planning Commission for funds. Vance also noted that the Neighborhood Savings coop is still accepting customers for the 2019-2020 winter.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct.17, at 4:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel