

Energy Committee Minutes
May 20, 2021

Meeting opened about 4:30PM.

In attendance: Vance Bell, Dawn Bower, Bill Dunkel, Michael Simonds

Guests: Ned O'Rourke (Wardsboro Energy Committee); Bruce Frauman (Londonderry Resilience Committee); Jessica Williams (Window Dressers)

I. Discussion of Window Dressers Program with Invited Guests

Bill summarized efforts by the Windham energy committee to solicit interest in Window Dressers. Bruce reported that he has advertised Window Dressers on the Londonderry town Facebook page and will put an announcement in the town newsletter. He also has spoken with the pastor of a local Baptist church to see if they might host a community build. He has also informed Neighborhood Connections about the program.

Ned indicated that Wardsboro hasn't done much outreach yet, but they will shortly.

Jessica suggested that the three towns definitely collaborate to find enough demand for about 150 inserts. She feels that Windham would be a central location for the community build. She suggested we create the following leadership positions for each town, or for the three towns combined:

Leadership Coordinator (the point person working with Window Dressers)

Outreach Coordinator

Measurement Coordinator (form two or three two-person measurement teams; ideally one male, one female per team)

Volunteer Coordinator

Food Coordinator (to organize a meal for volunteers between the morning and afternoon shifts each day of the community build).

Jessica urged us to secure dates for our community build asap because slots are filling up fast.

We discussed what low income groups we might contact. Bill volunteered to contact Eric Stevens in Grafton and Peter Bergstrom in Rockingham to see if they are interested. Bruce is going to contact Paul Meyers, head of the Peru energy committee, to see if they might be interested in working with us.

In mid July or early August Jessica will conduct a training session, in person or online, for volunteers. She urged us to recruit volunteers now, especially measuring teams. Bill said he would ask Alison Trowbridge and Colin Blajeز if they could help with this.

II. Update on Community Solar Project

Michael reported that the previous Saturday Jonathan Nelson and an electrician spent about 30 minutes at his house checking the electrical connections and were satisfied that everything was adequate. Michael and Jonathan are working out the terms of a lease agreement.

Ned O'Rourke said that the CPG for the Wardsboro solar project is progressing and may already have been filed. A lease agreement has been negotiated with the property owners in Wardsboro. Syncarpha is still committed to the project despite the fact that it has been somewhat scaled back.

Bruce reported that Londonderry is working with Green Lantern to develop an array on a preferred site which is a former landfill, I believe. They are fast tracking the project to try to get the necessary permits to qualify for the 13cent/kWh rate before the rates are reduced this fall. The Londonderry Select Board will discuss the project at their next meeting.

III. Act on Minutes of April 15 Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Windham energy committee will be on Thursday, June 17, at 4:30PM via Zoom.