

Energy Committee Minutes
9/16/21

Members Present: Vance Bell, Tom Johnson, Bill Dunkel

Guests Present: Ned O'Rourke (Wardsboro), Jeff Young (Wardsboro), Bruce Frauman (Londonderry)

Meeting began at 4:30PM

First order of business was a discussion of our participation in the Window Dressers program in light of the recent upsurge of Delta variant Covid cases. Ned and Jeff reported that Wardsboro has a measuring team that is willing to enter homes. So far, they estimate that four interested families will need about 30 window inserts, or a few more than that. Bruce reported that Londonderry also has a willing measuring team but only two families, thus far, have expressed interest. Bill and Vance reported that they are not comfortable entering homes at this time. They may feel more comfortable if cases drop in the next few weeks. Bill said that about nine households in Windham have expressed interest in getting inserts. Bill mentioned that Ron Van Gasbeck recently volunteered to help measure windows in Windham.

Bill asked whether it would be appropriate to use some of the Windham energy committee's weatherization funds to pay someone to measure windows. The group felt this would not be wise, would run counter to Window Dressers' volunteer ethos and might create potential legal issues. The idea was abandoned.

Ned suggested that since we have until the end of October to complete measurements and enter data into the Window Dressers database that we proceed to call all interested parties in our respective towns, identify the households that are definitely committed to purchasing windows and try to determine the exact number of inserts that each customer wants to order. We agreed to do this by Tuesday, September 28, which is the date of the next scheduled Wardsboro energy committee meeting. At that meeting we will compare notes and see if collectively we can generate enough demand for 100 - 150 windows. We also discussed the

possibility of working together as a team to measure windows in Windham if Covid cases do not decline sufficiently soon.

Bill volunteered to contact Jessica Williams and ask her to send another laser measuring tool to the Wardsboro energy committee. Bill also will send the spreadsheet tracking interested families in Windham to everyone. Vance volunteered to create a Zoom link for the Wardsboro energy committee's next meeting once Ned confirms the date and time (9/28 at 6:30PM).

At this point, our guests left the meeting. Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the August 19th meeting. Tom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel