

Energy Committee Minutes
3/17/22

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

Guests Present from Wardsboro Energy Committee: Ned O'Rourke, Jeff Young

The meeting began with an update on the two community solar projects we all have been working on. Both Michael and Mac's project, and the Kleppner project in Wardsboro have received Certificates of Public Good from the Public Utility Commission. Construction should begin later this spring or this summer. Michael has to finalize his contract with the developers.

We then looked at the map of possible solar sites that Ian Lund developed for the West River Valley 100% Renewable group. Jeff layered property lines on Ian's map, which is a big help. We viewed some sample sites and discussed how to best evaluate them. It will be relatively easy to quickly eliminate some sites because they are too far from roads, may be too wooded or may have other features which makes solar development unfeasible. Other sites may be prioritized using criteria that the state and Carter McCann have articulated. The Windham Energy Committee will spend the next several meetings evaluating sites and then we will decide how to best contact landowners.

We discussed collaborating again this year in the Window Dressers program. The Wardsboro Energy Committee already has expressed interest in doing so. At this meeting, all members of the Windham Energy Committee agreed that our committee should sponsor and endorse participation in another community-build with Wardsboro and Londonderry. No preference was expressed for the date of the community-build. The Windham Energy Committee will contact customers in town who received window inserts last year and solicit testimonials or endorsements which may be used to publicize the program. Bill agreed to put an article about Window Dressers in the next edition of the *Windham News & Notes*. He also will contact Bruce Frauman and let him know that Londonderry is welcome to collaborate with us again.

We briefly discussed proposing to the Windham Select Board that an electric vehicle charging station be installed at the Town Office. Ned noted that there are a number of different kinds of ownership and leasing arrangements that can be negotiated with private companies, such as Flow and Charge Point. Michael has contacted Josh Castonguay at GMP to see if they are interested in installing a charging station. He had not heard back from him to date. It seemed obvious that we need to do some research and gather more information before we make a recommendation to the Select Board.

Vance moved to adopt the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting; seconded by Michael; unanimously adopted.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Dunkel