

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

September 14, 2020

Members Present: John Ajamie, Scott Campbell, Elmore Dickstein, Brenden Fowler, Steve Isham, Pam Parker (Chair), Keith Whitemore, Lynn Wurzburg, David Zajko

1. Introductions

Members of the committee introduced themselves and stated why they joined the Town Energy Committee

2. Button Up Vermont Campaign

Steve reviewed the upcoming Button Up Vermont website and upcoming activities. The events are recorded. Anyone can watch the live or afterwards as they are recorded and posted on the Button Up Vermont website.

Steve will forward the weekly e-mail that will have a link to the previous week's recording and a social media posting ready to cut and paste that members can cut and paste into their social media accounts.

The committee decided not to do any fund raising for the Button Up Vermont Fund because of how the pandemic is affecting the local economy.

**Action Item:** Steve will post Button Up Vermont events on Facebook and Front Porch Forum. Committee members will think about Button Up events that we can sponsor.

3. Recycling and Composting

Lynn met with Paul Tomasi from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District. It was not very productive. John sent Chad Whitehead an e-mail, but has not heard back from him. Therefore, there was not any new information.

John A. and Lynn will meet with Paul Tomasi on September 16 to discuss the future of composting in St. Johnsbury.

4. Enhanced Town Energy Plan

The Committee had a final review of the Enhanced Town Energy Plan was reviewed by the committee. The focus was on the goal and action summary, which took up most of the meeting. The committee will continue to review the plan at the September meeting.

The committee expressed its sincere appreciation to Nicole Gratton, a NVDA intern, for all the work she put into developing the plan.

**Action Items:** Committee members will submit any revisions to the Enhanced Energy Plan by September 21. Pam will then contact Jim Brown of the Planning Commission with the plan.

5. Meeting with New Academy Headmaster

Lynn is talking with the Academy on September 15 to set up a meeting with the headmaster and/or appropriate faculty members. Information that we want to obtain includes what actions

the Academy is taking and possible future actions, how the climate crisis included in the curriculum, and how the climate crisis can be incorporated into Capstone projects.

**Next meeting: Monday October 5 from 5:30 to 7:00**