

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2020 via Zoom, 5:30-7pm

Present: Becca White, Scott Campbell, Steve Isham, Elmore Dickstein, David Zajko, Pam Parker, Lynn Wurzburg

1. Report from Becca White on 2019 Efficiency VT activities in St. J - all goals were met or exceeded except for walk-throughs on landlord-owned properties. One non-profit is still getting a grant although the target year is over. Lynn asked whether the Vermont net-zero home could be situated in St J for visits.

2. Legislative Update

H. 688 Global Warming Solutions Act - in Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee since 2/26. Members of this committee have written and called to encourage action on it.

S.337 Energy Efficiency Utility Modernization

S.267 100% Renewable by 2030

S.311 Green New Deal

Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)

3. Updating energy portion of Town Plan – Still waiting for action. Perhaps we can study other town plans. Pam has contacted NVDA to study regional plan, but has not followed through.

4. Teacher education about climate crisis - Lynn has talked with Fairbanks Museum. We discussed doing an Earth Day activity, asking the museum if we could hang signs, etc on their lawn. Lynn emailed them. No response.

5. Report on progress on Academy survey – Elmore and David reported they have not heard back from the dean or teachers about their request to do a survey. They volunteered to set up an Instagram account for the committee. David will design a logo. Steve reported the committee's Facebook page is visited regularly. Pam has a committee email group as part of her Gmail account.