

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

January 11, 2021

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

1. Minutes

The minutes for December's meeting were reviewed and accepted

2. Enhanced Energy Plan

The Enhanced Energy Plan was presented to the Planning Commission where it was well received. There were a few minor suggestions along with a request for an executive summary. Pam, Lynn, John A., and Steve will create an executive summary.

Pam e-mailed Chad Whitehead the Goals and Action Summary section for his feedback.

Action Item: Lynn, John A., and Steve will create an executive summary by Monday January 18.

3. Recycling and Composting

John A. reported that he will be visiting separation sites in Chittenden county to obtain more information about where recycled materials goes after it is collected. Lynn said she would join him.

There is concern about entities that are not from St. Johnsbury dumping their waste in Coventry saying that they are from St. Johnsbury so they do not have to pay the surcharge.

4. Climate Science Education

Lynn has begun looking for resources on Climate Science. She has found some good resources. She suggest that we survey teachers to find out what they know already, what they currently do in the classroom, and what support they need.

5. Other Items

Pam following up on our discussion with Adam Kane has contacted Jared Duval, Executive Director of Energy Action Network, about having a workshop on the weatherization of larger institutional buildings.

The committee after reviewing the duties of a conservation commission decided not to take on those additional duties at this time.

Pam contacted Jon Copans, Climate Economy Model Communities Program Director, for some best practices for the committee. Two questions that we should ask ourselves are: How can you best leverage your resources and what do our members want to do. He recommended that we limit our actions to two to four tasks so we do not spread ourselves too thin. Energy committees

are most effective in two areas: education and outreach. We should lead with cost and comfort in mind. Jon's advice was very much appreciated. He is willing to attend a meeting if we would like to invite him.

Scott gave an update on the progress on EV charging stations. St. Johnsbury is on the list to receive one.

Next Meeting is Monday February 8 from 5:30 to 7:00