

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

March 8, 2021

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

1. Minutes

The minutes for February's meeting were reviewed and accepted

2. Climate Science Education

Lynn reported that Jodie Elliott, the Director of Learning Design for the St. Johnsbury School District, stated that next school year's professional days have to be dedicated to catching up because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Lynn has put together a survey with input from the committee. She will work with Jodie Elliott to have it given to teachers.

There is a possibility of having professional development this summer through the Vermont Rural Educational Cooperative. They focus on the Northeast Kingdom. Lynn has been in contact with Jennifer Barone.

Action Item: Lynn will continue to work with climate science Education

3. Earth Day

The committee discussed activities that we could sponsor for Earth Day, April 22. One idea was to have kids collect all the plastic that is thrown out that day at their school. This could then be used to prompt a discussion about waste in our society.

Another idea was to work with Catamount Arts to develop creative ways for community involvement and education on waste

Action Item: Scott will talk with Jodie Fried

4. Recycling and Composting

The Central Vermont Solid Waste District has an informative YouTube video.

Pam mentioned that Chad Whitehead would like the committee to help publicize that the town has composters available for residents to buy at a discounted price.

Action Item: John A. will continue to gather information to a future report. Steve will contact Chad Whitehead about how the committee can help publicize the composters that are available for St. Johnsbury Resident

5. Social Media

Elmore and Steve reported on the posting for Instagram and Facebook respectively. There also have been a few announcements on Front Porch Forum.

6. Enhanced Energy Plan

The public hearing for the Enhanced Energy Plan will be April 20 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. The committee may be called on to make a presentation about the plan and be present to answer questions. Pam will find out what our role will be at the public hearing.

All committee member will reach out to St. Johnsbury residents they know with the executive summary and Actions and Object Summary to increase public awareness for the plan.

Action Item: Pam will contact Jim Brown to find out the format of the public hearing. Scott will send committee members the latest version executive summary and Actions and Object Summary.

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7. Weatherization of Large Institutional Buildings

Steve reported that he contacted Michelle McCutcheon-Schour of Efficiency Vermont about co-sponsor a Webinar on the Weatherization of Large Institutional Buildings. She was agreeable to co-sponsor the event. It was suggested to have the webinar as part of the 2021 Weatherization Wednesday, which the committee agreed.

It was noted that the Atheneum is engaging a major weatherization effort.

Action Item: Steve will confirm that the committee agreed to have the webinar as part of the 2021 Weatherization Wednesday .

8. Other Items

Pam and Lynn are writing an article on the weatherization of two privately-owned buildings in town for the North Star Monthly.

Action Item: Pam and Lynn will write article for North Star Monthly

The committee gave feedback on David's reverse image of the committee logo.

Action Item: David is going to update the reverse image of the committee logo.

Scott updated the committee on state-level legislation.

Next Meeting is Monday April 12 from 5:30 to 7:00