

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

May 10, 2021

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

Guest: Maia Lynd, Robert Michael

1. Introductions

The committee introduced itself to Miai and Robert

2. Minutes

The minutes for May's meeting were reviewed and accepted

3. Enhanced Energy Plan

Chad Whitehead told Pam that the Selectboard will set the two public hearing dates. He also suggested that the Energy Committee do a presentation about the enhanced energy plan at the public hearing.

4. Publicity Activities

The committee decided to consider having information table set up at future town events such as Farmers' Market, Dog Mountain Summer Concerts, Colors of the Kingdom, etc.

Lynn's article on the renovation of the former office of Dr. Toll appeared in the North Star Monthly. There is a possibility of writing more articles on residential renovations and weatherization including Robert's and Maia's new home in East St. Johnsbury.

Steve will communicate Energy Action Network's 2020 energy update for Vermont via e-mail, Facebook, and Front Porch Forum.

5. Implementing Action Steps From the Enhanced Energy Plan

Ben has been in contact with Joe Fox and John Raser of the St. Johnsbury Walk Bike Advisory Committee. He reported that no much has been done other transportation options except EVs in the enhanced energy tool.

Ben informed the committee about the website Walkscore.com where someone can obtain a score of walkability and bikability for any address. St. Johnsbury does not score highly for sidewalk availability outside of the town center. Our bike score is a little better.

6. Composting and Recycling Program

Lynn and John reported on their communication with the towns of Rygate and Barnet. There are many options that St. Johnsbury could take as far as composting and

recycling. These range from building a recycle center to having dumpsters at a transfer station. John will gather more information from other towns so the committee could consider the possibility of recommending that St. Johnsbury have its own recycling center. This would include volume or weight per capita of recycling and composting items, the size of a building and hours of operation.

7. Climate Science Education

So far five teachers from the St. Johnsbury school have responded to the survey on climate literacy.

Next Meeting is Tuesday July 13 from 5:30 to 7:00