

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

Oct 12, 2021

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

Guest: Robert Michael

1. Minutes

The minutes for September's meeting were reviewed and accepted

2. Report on Recent Activities

Pam reported on three events that were held since our September meeting

- EV event in Danville – Sept 18
 - John A, Keith, and Scott had their EV at the event
 - Scott brought his E-bike
- Regional hearing on our enhanced energy plan - Sept 23
 - Pam, Scott, and Steve attended.
 - The plan is up on NVDA website and we have to ask the town to put it on its website
 - Leftover hard copies of the Enhanced Energy Plan could be put around high traffic areas in town
- Weatherization for All – October 9
 - It was a very successful event with approximately 40 people attending
 - There was a lot of engagement with the panelists during the hour-long Q&A and a lot people signing up for audits
 - A one-page information sheet will be posted on our Facebook page
 - Lynn was able to get promotional information on the event sent to both St. Johnsbury and Lyndon School parents

3. Possible Future Events

- E-bike expo in the spring with Local Motion and other energy groups
 - Bevin Barber-Campbell of Local Motion and has her own business would like to attend a meeting to do a presentation on a E-bike event.
 - The committee would like to have a bike event in the spring—both E-bike and traditional bikes
 - We will invite her to our November meeting
- collaboration with Allie Webster, new hire at NVDA
 - Allie will meet with us to discuss how she can assist the committee
- expansion of committee input into rental housing,
- collaboration with NETO, HEAT Squad, Doug Reid, St J Housing committee
- subgroup to stay in touch with Armory project
 - Ben, John, and Scott have volunteered to help with the Armory project

4. Federal Money Disbursement

Scott Campbell is a member of St. Johnsbury's American Rescue Plan Funding committee.

Lynn mentioned that the St. Johnsbury School is forming a committee to decide how to utilize the Covid money that it is receiving. She thinks that climate literacy should be included in how the money should be utilized. She e-mailed Tom Huntington, School Board Chair, about including having an Experiential Learning position similar to Kingdom East School District. He replied that she should contact the school board, which she will do. And will include climate literacy in her e-mail. She will also send this committee a copy of the first monthly climate literacy newsletter.

5. Other Business

Lynn has contacted James Bentley at St. Johnsbury Academy about including an environmental project in the Sophomore Challenge. Projects are presented to the Sophomore class who decide what project the class will do together.

John A suggested that the Academy Electrical Class do a climate mitigation project such as installing EV plug-in outlets.

6. Communication Outreach Inventory

The committee made good progress in filling out the VECAN Communication Outreach Inventory. We will continue to work on the tool next month. Steve will research contact information to fill in and will e-mail to members before the next meeting.

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 9 from 5:30 to 7:00