

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

October 3, 2022

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

Guests: Robert Michael

1. Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. Upcoming Events

*Button Up Vermont: Weatherization for all*

The Old Stone House in Brownington will host a weatherization event that is similar to the one the committee co-hosted last year with most of the same organizations. There will be additional activities for the whole family including free admission to the Old Stone House. We will publicize the Old Stone House Event.

*Window Dressers*

Although the committee will not be hosting a window dressers event, homeowners in St. Johnsbury can participate in several window dressers events sponsored by area town energy committees this autumn. Pam encouraged committee members to volunteer for a shift at one of the area events as she is doing. Steve will send out an e-mail blast and Lynn will have it included in St. Johnsbury's school newsletter to parents.

3. Proposed EV event

Steve proposed that the committee hold an EV fair in the spring. The EV fair could be a downtown event working with Discover St. Johnsbury and Catamount Arts to plan the event. Besides local EV owners showing their vehicles, organizations such as VEEP, LINK, NVDA, Drive Electric VT, car dealers, GMP could participate.

The committee discussed the possibility of including the EV Fair during Bike Month and expanding it to include other electric tools such as lawn mowers and power tools. It could become a more general electrification event.

5. Window Dressers

There will be two Window Dresser events this fall hosted by several town energy committees. St. Johnsbury Energy Committee will help publicize these events. The committee members and town residents can reach out to these committees if they want to volunteer. Some volunteer tasks need training and others do not. Pam will contact Marilyn McEnergy about St. Johnsbury residents being accepted at events in other towns.

6. Renewable Energy Project Update

Pam and Lynn visited the Mayhew Solar Array site before the September Planning Commission. It is a perfect site given that it is in a dip in the land and will not be visible. It will

be located next to the St. Johnsbury School's solar array in back of the Green Mountain Mall. Pam and Lynn along with Susan Mayhew Ferguson and Martha Stakus of Norwich Solar attended the Planning Commission meeting. Norwich Solar was granted preferred siting status after they agreed to the conditions set out by the Planning Commission.

Lyndonville Electric is looking into having a battery storage facility at the Industrial Park.

There has been some activity to install an EV charger located in the Eastern Avenue parking lot.

7. St. Johnsbury School Projects

Lynn reported that the roof of the St. Johnsbury School is going to be replaced. It will include installing solar panels. There will be a meter inside the school that will allow kids to read the savings due to the solar panels

8. Other Business

Pam reported that Allie Webster of NVDA is working on an update the map of cooling centers. The map includes public spaces that are air conditioning such as the Atheneum.

Ben stated that he is willing to work on Bike Month again next year. The hope is that we can host the e-bike lending library for a longer period of time next year.

Next meeting is Monday November 7, 5:30-7:00 pm. It will be in-person at the Welcome Center.