

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

February 7, 2022

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

Guests: Robert Michael, Don Smith, Jon Copans: Old Spokes Home Executive Director, Chad Whitehead: St. Johnsbury Town Manager, Jessica Savage: VCRD, Linda Hunkins

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Minutes

The minutes for January's meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3. Presentation and Discussion with Jon Copans

Jon Copans, Executive Director, Old Spokes Home and until recently Climate Economy Model Communities Program Director with the Vermont Council on Rural Development gave an overview presentation on the purpose and function of town energy committees in Vermont. Following his presentation, Jon took questions from committee members and guests.

4. EV Charging Station Grants

Chad expressed ways for the Energy Committee and the town to partner together to advance town priorities. Letting Chad know about events will enable him to have the events promoted through the town website. If grants meeting the town's goals become available, it would be appropriate to let Chad know about them and apply for them.

5. E-Bike Upcoming Event Update

Ben gave an update on the E-bike event planned for late spring or early summer. The travel lending e-bike library is scheduled to be in St. Johnsbury from mid-April through late May. Other town energy committees may be interested in collaborating on this event.

6. Regional Energy Committee Meeting

Members of the committee attended the NEK town energy committee regional meeting. A recording of the meeting can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dHnnOUQbiml_ktcJUIXxL2dXl9TJHug6/view

7. Other Business

Next Meeting is Monday March 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm