

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

March 7, 2022

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

Guests: Bob Swartz, Don Smith, Chad Whitehead: St. Johnsbury Town Manager, Bevin Barber-Campbell

1. Minutes

The minutes for February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. VECAN Survey Results

The committee reviewed the completed Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) survey on priorities and needs of town energy committees. Committee members added some items. Residential Chad updated efforts by the town on municipal facilities to reduce energy usage and legislation from the State of Vermont to help municipalities in reducing energy usage. Grant to switch out heavy equipment (loader) to newer, more efficient equipment.

3. Regional Energy Committee Meeting

Pam encouraged committee members to attend the next meeting of regional energy committees. The next one is scheduled as of right now for March 31, 6:30-8. A link will be sent to committee members once it is available.

4. ARPA Funding

Chad gave an update of ARPA funding and answered committee members' questions.

5. Tree Resource Committee Idea

Lynn suggested that we consider the possibility of adding trees that will adapt to the change in climate. Pam suggested the topic for the regional energy committee meeting.

6. E-Bike 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 April 14 through May 17. Some ideas include the e-bike fair, bike to school, workshop (LINK has space in the Caplan's building), and group rides. They are working with St. Johnsbury Bike Ped committee, Ride Vermont, Jennifer Grant, Danville Town Energy Committee, and LINK.

7. Other Business

Next Meeting is Monday April 4 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm