

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

July 11, 2023

Members Present:, Ben Dede, Steve Isham, Donley Johnson, Pam Parker (Chair), Lynn Wurzburg

Guests: Robert Michael, Bob Swartz

1. Introductions

New member Donley Johnson was welcomed by committee members and guests, who introduced themselves to him. Donley is a Sophomore at St. Johnsbury Academy.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction.

3. Window Dressers

Pam gave an update on Window Dressers. Our build is known as “Central Caledonia County.” There are requests for 250 inserts, which is the maximum number we can take. Measuring for inserts is ongoing.

Bob Swartz reported that 17 volunteer slots have been filled. He will start recruiting volunteers in earnest after Labor Day.

4. Municipal Energy Resilience Program

Steve reported that Joe Kasprzak will be filling out the application for an energy audit of the Armory Building within the next few days.

Steve will meet with Kresten Sterling about the application for the MERP \$4000 educational grant. The grant will be used to hold a resource meeting for the St. Johnsbury Rental Improvement Grant Program. The event will include application assistance for landlords.

5. Recruiting New Members

The committee discussed how to recruit new members using a “Readiness to Invite New Participants” document that Steve created from the NEK Community Builders program. The document will continue to be worked on.

6. Other Business

Lynn mentioned that Jess Angell is developing a sustainability program at St. Johnsbury Academy. The Energy Committee will assist her as needed.

The next meeting of the St J energy committee is Monday August 7, 2023, at the Welcome Center starting at 5:30.