

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

February 8, 2021

Members Present: John Ajamie, Scott Campbell, Elmore Dickstein, Brenden Fowler, Steve Isham, Pam Parker (Chair), Keith Whitemore, Lynn Wurzburg, David Zajko

1. Minutes

The minutes for January's meeting were reviewed and accepted

2. Climate Science Education

Lynn reported that Jodie Elliott, the Director of Learning Design for the St. Johnsbury School District, stated that the school district does not have any climate curriculum in place.

Lynn developed a teacher survey to find out what teachers know about climate science, what they teach about it, and what activities would be helpful to them. The plan is include all subjects, not just science. The committee gave a few suggestions which Lynn will incorporate. She will send the survey to Jodie Elliott who will create a Survey Monkey. Steve volunteered to help Lynn tabularize the results.

Lynn had a Zoom meeting with Laura McCaughlin from VEEP. Their professional development is totally on line and has expanded into NH. If we want to have them do professional development, we have to write a proposal that includes the timeframe and number of teachers involved.

3. Recycling and Composting

John A. met with staff from Chittenden Solid Waste. They own a zero-sort facility that Casella manages. Since they could not meet in person, they sent John a video of their operation. John received a lot of information about their operation that he will include in a report.

**Action Item:** John A. will continue to gather information to a future report.

4. Social Media

Elmore and Steve reported on the posting for Instagram and Facebook respectively. There also have been a few announcements on Front Porch Forum.

5. Enhanced Energy Plan

Chad Whitehead sent his recommendation to Pam, who met with Irene Nagle to incorporate his revisions into the plan. The plan is now ready for final review

**Action Item:** John A., and Pam will do a final review of the plan. Afterwards, Pam will send to Planning Commission.

6. Weatherization of Large Institutional Buildings

Jared Duval has not responded to Pam's e-mail about Energy Action Network hosting a webinar about weatherization of large institutional buildings. Adam Kane has indicated that he is willing to participate in such a webinar.

**Action Item:** Steve will contact VNRC and Efficiency Vermont about possibility of hosting a weatherization of large institutional buildings webinar or help in organizing our own webinar.

7. Other Items

The committee discussed possible way to have a website.

**Action Item:** Keith will contact the town about possible options

Lynn reported on the Gift Registry program. One idea is to get the Chamber of Commerce involved to help with publicity and logistics.

**Action Item:** David is going to make a reverse image of the committee logo.

Pam has contacted North Star Monthly about an article on the weatherization of two privately-owned buildings in town.

**Action Item:** Pam, Lynn, and Steve will write the article for submission to Northstar Monthly

Vermont Local Climate Advocacy Network: Pam, Lynn, and Steve are interested in being citizen advocates

Scott updated the committee on state-level legislation.

Next Meeting is Monday March 8 from 5:30 to 7:00