

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

August 7, 2023

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

Guests: Robert Michael, Bob Swartz

1. Minutes

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

2. Window Dressers

Bob Swartz gave an update on Window Dressers. 49% of volunteer slots have been filled, mostly by people getting inserts. One third of shift supervisors' slots are filled. There are a few others who have said that they will be shift supervisors. A shift supervisor is the only person who does not have a specific assignment. This person knows a little about each of the tasks and helps volunteers as needed. Training for shift supervisors is August 14 via Zoom. Bob will start recruiting the remaining volunteers after Labor Day.

The measuring will be completed by August 21.

There are volunteers to provide food for the first four days. Experience indicates that not a lot of volunteers stay after or come before to have lunch. Volunteers are generally very involved with their task during the build so they do not take breaks. Therefore, there is not a lot of need for beverages and snacks during the build or provide lunch for everyone. It would be a good idea to have volunteers if they plan to eat lunch at the build.

Action Items:

- Lynn, Pam, and Steve will visit the gym to plan for food.
- Pam will find out what tools are needed and if they are provided by WindowDressers.
- Pam will contact U-Haul to get 9' or 10' foot or cargo van. Bob will ask Fred Laferriere about the Mayo's cargo van.
- Think about outlets and extension cords.

3. Municipal Energy Resilience Program

Steve reported that Joe Kasprzak is working with Allie Webster of NVDA on the application for assessment of the Armory.

Steve will meet with Kresten Sterling about the application for the MERP \$4000 educational grant on August 10.

4. NVDA Energy Plan

Ben reported on NVDA's updating its energy plan. The NEK has a higher energy burden than other areas of Vermont. Energy burden as defined by Efficiency Vermont is the percent of

income spent on energy. The NEK has the highest percent of renewable energy per capita in Vermont at 60%. Environmental justice is included in the plan.

5. Recruiting New Members

The committee started to develop a written recruitment document. This will be an ongoing process for the next few meetings.

6. Other Business

Pam and Steve participated in the Danville Grand parade with their EVs as part of the EV contingent.

The Danville Energy Committee is holding an E-Vent on Saturday, September 16 on the lawn at Marty's. It will include an EV parade through Danville to Marty's. The event will cover both EVs and E-bikes with vendors attending.

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