



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

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St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

November 4, 2024

Members Present: Steve Isham, Donley Johnson, Pam Parker (Chair), Susan Parker, Ben Deede, Jason Kaiser, Lynn Wurzburg, Robert Michael

1. **Review October minutes**

Minutes passed.

1. **WindowDressers**

Pam shared final numbers from the St.J/ Lyndonville WindowDressers community build Oct. 17-24. There were a total of 33 customers and 218 inserts. There were fewer than last year because some people on the waiting list decided not to go forward. Pam noted that the number of “special rate” or free windows was high this year—almost \$3,300. She also said that donations covered that cost this year and a donation from the East St. Johnsbury Congregational Church should cover those costs next year. Pam said it was a great event and everything went smoothly. Lynn said if we can get an actual window out in public that may draw additional interest. Donley suggested partnering with downtown and Ben suggested putting one in the Welcome Center.

1. **Energy chapter for updated town plan**

Ben provided an update on the energy plan, which he and Donley worked on in the last month. He said the committee needs updated maps of siting locations for solar and other energy efficiency projects as well St. Johnsbury targets for renewable energy to meet the state targets from NVDA. Pam will ask for those. Steve talked to Joe Kasprzak who said we should have specific actions in the energy plan (not just goals) because they help when the town seeks grants. The committee refined the draft plan by adding challenges, opportunities, and proposed improvements. For example, Jason said he read a statistic that 18% of households don’t have a car in St. Johnsbury, which is a challenge to note. Pam suggested we note the increasing climate events that are taking place.

The next meeting is Dec. 2 from 5:30pm to 7pm via Zoom