

Energy Committee Mtg. Minutes- 2/3/25

Present: Pam Parker, Lynn Wurzburg, Steve Isham, Ben Dedee, Robert Michael, Jason Kaiser, Donley Johnson

1). Pam sent January minutes, Steve moved we accept them, aye

2) Energy Plan- Ben sent link w/ new version of energy plan- worked with Allie on it

- will need some necessary updates over next few years
- Town plan still needs work- our update will go to body of plan- data, narrative about Energy section need to stay compliant with Act 174
- entire town plan will be reformatted
- Pam commended Ben on how clear and well written our rewrite is.
- Steve: Will enhanced energy plan satisfy needs of current and future plan? Distribute to neighboring towns in 30 days for approval-will be readopted in May

3) Robert's overview of Municipality Vulnerability Tool- created by VT Climate Council and ANR

- is very comprehensive tool, released in May/June- is up to date
- issues of St. J have been incorporated in our plan
- would like to see where we have solar installations- farms, homeowners
- have info about all utility poles but not solar
- can show how St. J rates with items vs. other towns
- most of our homes are older -pre WW II, post WW II-in St. J, higher rate of rentals
- Lynn asked if age of homes have specific vulnerabilities
- Window Dressers Project helping with our vulnerability
- Lynn asked Steve if Select board is aware of the Tool- no- "could be helpful info in economic development activities"

4) Window Dressers 2025

- Build will be at Lyndonville Congregational church, Oct 17-24, 2025
- Robert will be measuring coordinator in training with Darlene
- we have 100 inserts spoken for-total capability 275, we need more insert orders
- talked to Lorelee Tester of Chamber of Commerce -she will have them made for her office, she suggested having LI Honor Society students help
- regional meeting-last week so we will have session October 17-24, 2025
- Darlene has full measuring team, Ben on it
- need more people to help with publicity, maybe mention it at Energy Committee report at Town Info during comment time?
- can publicize at Selectboard meeting, borrow an insert from Darlene
- Lynn will publicize on Front Porch Forum
- got \$2000.00 grant from VT Community Fund, East St. J church gave \$8000, \$3000 used for special rate-free windows, the rest is held by town of Sutton ,collecting interest
- all \$ used for defraying costs to low income
- 30-35% special rate last year
- flyer for Window Dressers is on our Google Drive

5) Pam and Lynn visited charging stations in town

- Blink is least reliable
- Twin State Ford are more reliable

- FLO at Marty's very reliable
- Level 2 behind Anthony's-"good luck with level 2"-Jason
- the level 3 chargers are not commissioned yet- Blink
- Networks-FLO, Blink, Charge Point- Jason making map of different ones, App for each network will tell if charger is working
- FLO will incorporate e other networks

6) Donley talked with Juliet of Hub- St. J

- options for community reach out via Hub
 - is a way to present as a public committee
 - emphasize goal with transition to clean and affordable energy-chance to let public know what we're up to
 - Lynn asked how Hub would enable us to reach community
 - they are in connection business-4 ways of outreach gatherings-event by external group-
- Hub

- minutes end here due to power outage affecting Lynn and Pam