

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee  
March 3, 2025

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

**1. Review February minutes**

Minutes passed.

**2. WindowDressers - recruiting customers and volunteers**

Robert said we have orders for 125 window inserts and that interest is going up a little bit at a time. Pam noted that we are committed to doing 275 and need more orders. Robert said we have 4 measuring teams and he is in training to be measuring coordinator to take over from Darlene. Pam has been the local coordinator and is getting help from Christine James in East Burke this year. It will be the first time we will have someone outside of St. J as a coordinator for WindowDressers that we participate in. Pam noted that Sofia Reali in the Maine office of WindowDressers could make custom flyers for us.

**3. Energy chapter in updated town plan**

Ben said that the energy chapter was moved forward and sent to neighboring towns per Vermont law. The planning commission will hold a hearing about the town plan, get comments and then it will go to the Selectboard.

**4. Priorities for action**

Pam asked if there are priorities for action that we see right away. Jason suggested publicizing them and sharing them with other people, noting that the more we do that the more action gets done. Pam said that a lot of what we've been talking about is weatherization and 350 Vermont is doing a lot around weatherization.

Steve Isham relayed that they are close to setting a date for the landlord rental property improvement program. Ann Lawless and others in Wheelock are sponsoring a spring day on weatherization. We might be part of that and consider other ways to provide a similar outreach to the public as the town has to landlords on resources for weatherization.

Lynn and Pam did a public speaking event at the United Community Church and took a big window insert. It was helpful for people to see what it looked like because attendees had a different impression of what they were, imagining something like window quilts. Energy Committee members discussed other names for WindowDressers that may be clearer such as interior storm windows. Donley said that he hopes the St. Johnsbury Academy Honor Society could also help with WindowDressers.

**5. MapleFest table? GreenUp participation?**

Members agreed that we want to participate in MapleFest on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Steve feels that we should not be organizing GreenUp Day and that it better falls under the purview of the Beautification Committee. Members of the committee agreed and Donley said he would write to the Beautification Committee asking if they would consider taking it on. Pam also noted that St. J Subaru sponsors GreenUp Day and that may be enough.

The next meeting is April 7. from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Welcome Center