

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

October 6, 2025

Members Present: Pam Parker (Chair), Susan Parker, Ben Deede, Lynn Wurzberg, Robert Michael, Jason

1. Debrief Weatherization For All event

Weatherization 101 was a public event to help people learn about affordable weatherization held on Sat. October 4 at St. Andrew's Church. Energy committee members who attended debriefed about it. Jason was happy with the number of people who came—12-15 over two hours. He said it ranged in age from older seniors to a man with a young child. Rural Edge, Neto, Efficiency Vermont, Three E Thermal, WindowDressers and Heat Squad all attended to provide information on weatherization options. Pam said the presenters were ready to share and Robert said they supported and built on each other.

Lynn asked whether attendees were home owners or carpenters and builders. Pam said they were homeowners. Pam said people came from St J, Lyndonville, Danville and Walden. Members also said that there were good raffle prizes as well including \$50 gift certificates from Rk Miles and Ace Hardware.

Pam said the town still has some MERP money. We could host another weatherization event, but would have to do it by the end of the year. Lynn said families from schools could benefit and she would talk to someone at the St. J school about having an event there. Lynn said we could also do it in the New Year when the cold weather hits and we might get more interest. Pam noted that we could have a scaled-down event, without food or prizes, although those were part of the Oct 4 event's success.

Robert said there was interest in WindowDressers and we could promote it for the next year starting in the winter when it is cold.

2. Finalize plans for WindowDressers Community Build - Oct 16-23

Pam said we are close to being fully staffed. Lynn will remind the people who are doing food. She noted that we have 150 inserts rather than the 300 we were aiming for it will be a shorter build. Pam said 30 families ordered inserts. Each person will get a \$100 rebate even if they ordered just one WindowDressers. Pam said we need to bring cordless drills on Thursday. Lynn will call the Cal-Rec to see if a photographer or reporter can come to provide publicity for it. Pam heard someone say we should go to River St. and tell people about WindowDressers as many houses there have old windows. Robert said the window inserts also provide sound reduction, which is another benefit of them. Pam noted that the Danville WindowDressers has a lot of open shifts and suggested we talk to people about signing up for that build as well.

The next meeting is November 3 from 5:30 to 7pm at the Welcome Center.