

Members Present: Steven Isham, Jason Kaiser, Robert Michael, Lynn Wurzburg, Donley Johnson, Susan Parker, Ben Deede, Pam Parker

The next energy committee meeting will be on February 2, 2026.

Minutes Review

The December minutes were passed with one correction.

WindowDressers 2026

Pam said the core committee has decided it will do the same week as last year—October 15-22 and the same location. Jason will confirm the location with the UCC church in Lyndonville.

Coordination with Indivisible efforts re WindowDressers, renewable energy legislation

Robert said that the local work group of Indivisible started talking about how to help people with energy needs. The committee talked about why it is so difficult to get orders. Some people are afraid to have people come to their house to do measurements. One idea was to have past customers who know of someone who could use the windows accompany the measuring team to help ease that concern. Also a lot of people who are renters and could use them don't want to pay for them, but they don't know that they could get them for free.

Susan said that Indivisible sponsored a fundraiser at First Night to raise money for the heat fund and Marilyn McEnery brought a trifold on WindowDressers to display.

Pam said that the local WindowDressers committee writes grants for the program, which helps support the free WindowDressers. We already have approx \$2590 for next year. She said that we tend to think Front Porch Forum will be our best way to reach people, but that doesn't seem to be the case. Donley suggested we get on a local radio station. Steve said that Kingdom Access Television would love to have a half-hour program on WindowDressers. Steve also suggested we take out an ad in the Caledonian Record and ask that they write an article. He said Amy Ash Nixon would be a good person to contact. Donley asked if we could find people who got WindowDresser inserts who could speak to them.

Steve suggested we ask NETO to promote WindowDressers. Brian Keith at NETO does some of that. Lynn suggested we connect with the NEKCA warm fund to also tell people who needed the fund about WindowDressers.

Pam asked how we can better coordinate with Indivisible on state legislation to help protect important climate legislation like the Global Warming Solutions Act and the Superfund Act.

Pam also noted that we are looking for 2 shift supervisors for every shift. Jason, Donley and Lynn said they would train to be a shift supervisor. One supervisor teaches people the tasks at each work station and the other person does quality control and prioritizes work flow.

Volunteer(s) to attend NVDA energy Zoom mtgs

Pam asked if people would attend the quarterly meetings, which take place during the day. Members said they would rotate attendance. Pam will get their contact info to Allie Webster.

Climate Council events - volunteer(s) to attend

This is the group that has representatives of NGOs and state officials develop and update the Climate Action Plan each year. There is an upcoming meeting that will provide updates on next year's Climate Action Plan. Jason will provide a Zoom link to the meeting. There was also discussion of potential legislation around AI data centers coming to Vermont. Steve said that the sessions from the annual meeting at VECAN were taped and are on the website.

In related news, Jason spoke about the work of the Climate Consensus organization at Vermont State University in Lyndonville to help better explain climate science to people who are not steeped in the science. Members discussed whether it might make sense for our committee to connect with them.

Thermal Network

Lynn said that she would like to be involved in continuing to work on efforts to bring Thermal Networks to the town.

Set date and place for Weatherization 101

Members discussed various ideas for the next weatherization event. Lynn suggested we have a table with activities for kids. Steve suggested we contact the vendors from September and ask them what dates in March would be good for them.

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