

Members Present: Donley Johnson, Susan Parker, Lynn Wurzburg, Robert Michael. Kathy Kark was a guest.

March 2, 2026

Introductions

Minutes Review

The February minutes were passed.

Report on status of March 21 Weatherization 101 event -Donley Johnson

Donley said Carter Finnegan of NVDA said we should be able to use the MERP funds to cover printing, advertising in the Cal-Rec to get the word out about the Weatherization 101 event. We should be able to use the funding for catering and renting the Episcopal Church. Anne Amos who is the contact at the church said the rent will be nominal. Big costs will be catering and advertising. He asked how we access the funds. Lynn noted that Steve Isham did that last year so he probably the right one to ask.

Donley said he sent 10 vendors an email about the event. 3 have responded and he needs to follow up with all of them. Donley asked if anyone have any thoughts on how these organizations might be reached directly? Kathy said she would help Donley call them.

Donley will call the Kitchen Counter for catering.

Lynn asked how else we could get people to come besides ads in the paper and posters. Donley will put a notice on the St. Johnsbury Academy channel. Lynn will contact the St. Johnsbury School and ask to get a notice about it as well. He also suggested that the Catamount Arts make an announcement at its upcoming event. Lynn asked about door prizes such as a free ski pass that might attract kids with parents. Lynn and Donley will write a letter to the editor.

Donley and Pam will not be around for the Weatherization event 101. Lynn and Kathy will be there. Robert asked if we had sent information to other Energy Committees in surrounding areas. Lynn said we should also make clear how these organizations will help people weatherize their homes not just give the names of the organizations.

WindowDressers update - Robert Michael and Kathy Kark

Kathy said that she and Pam set up at the Winter Farmer's Market. She said they got a lot of interest and a \$10 donation. She thought we could set up every week but was told no but said they could once during the summer Farmer's Market. WindowDressers could also set up outside the Winter Farmer's market as well. Kathy talked to Dana Gray at the Cal-Rec and he's willing to do a story on WindowDressers as well as the local television station at the college. She suggested the station come on March 21 to do something on the Weatherization 101 event.

Robert said that the Indivisible group is asking members to tell their neighbors and members of organizations they are part of about WindowDressers so it is coming from a friendly face. He said they haven't had any new orders this year.

New student representative to the St. Johnsbury energy committee

Donley created a flyer and other announcements to recruit students to the committee.

Our next energy committee meeting will be April 6, 2026 from 5:30 to 7pm at the Welcome Center.