

## Stowe Energy Committee Minutes

July 27, 2023

Present: Chair Catherine Cawley, Marina Meerburg, Cap Chenowith, Rick Weinstein, Elizabeth Soper, Robi Artman-Hodge and Julia Biedermann

Michael Lazorchak, Stowe Electric Regulatory Compliance Manager

Meeting called to order a 5:30 pm.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Minutes of May 25, 2023 were approved as presented on a motion by Marina, seconded by Robi. Minutes of June 22, 2023 were approved as presented on a motion by Elizabeth, seconded by Marina.

### **Welcome Student Member – Julia Biedermann**

Energy Committee members introduced themselves to Julia and welcomed her as student representative on the Committee. Julia said she was excited about being on the Committee and her interest was sparked by her participation in environmental science at school. She said she was very interested in the environment and its protection.

### **Community Outreach – Survey**

Elizabeth said the survey is under way with 54 responses at this time. She reviewed several of the responses to questions noting that the first question “what are the most important energy issues that you feel should be addressed in Stowe. Pick your top three” indicated that building out climate resiliency, residential energy efficiency and weatherization, and transportation, commuter options were the top three. Renewable energy would be fourth.

Catherine reviewed the marketing of the survey which included ads in the Stowe Reporter, Front Porch Forum posts, banner on the Mountain Road and efforts by individuals to reach out for participation. She said she is hoping for more responses so that the results can be published at the conclusion of the project.

Julia said she will reach out with the survey to the HS environment class for participation.

### **Municipal Energy Resilience Program**

Catherine said she had been in touch with Town Engineer Chris Jolly, and he is aware that the application for the free building energy resilience assessment program for municipally owned buildings is now open and Chris indicated that the town is interested in applying. This

