

Stowe Energy Committee Meeting July 23, 2020

Minutes

Zoom meeting called to order at 5:36pm

Members present: Catherine Crawley, Rick Weinstein, Cap Chenoweth, Marina Meerburg, Sarah Evans,
Absent: Liz Soper, Town: Tom Jackman, Guests: Becca White, Michael Lazorchak, Olivia Thompson

Minutes of June 25 were approved: Motion to approve by Rick Weinstein, Sarah Evans seconded.

Updates from committee members:

Catherine reported on the article she posted in Stowe Reporter and Front Porch Forum.

Also that Duncan McDougall from Waterbury Leap had reached out about sharing articles from Waterbury Round About Community forum, i.e. an article about Drive Electric that might be suitable for August article in the Stowe Reporter. Duncan is also willing to come to one of our meetings.

Jill Appel from Stonybrook Condominiums reached out to Catherine about a weatherization project they are working on at Stonybrook, involving 82 condos.

Marina reported that a new 2.2 MW solar array is being installed along RT 100 in Morrisville. Lawrence Brook Solar is a partnership between Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) and Encore Renewable Energy.

Cap mentioned an article in the Stowe Reporter from march by Tom Evslin that spoke about how Vermont doesn't account for sequestration of CO2 in trees but Maine does. Cap will forward the article to Committee members for information.

Becca White from Efficiency Vermont spoke about the Button Up 2020 campaign. The campaign will run from September through November and be all digital with livestreamed DIY training, Weatherization Wednesdays – a weekly webinar, free virtual home energy visits and regional webinars run by regional planning commissions.

Marina made a motion to promote the Button Up campaign though the committee, seconded by Sarah.

Motion passed.

There is also a Button Up Fund to support weatherization projects for low income recipients. Any funds raised by SEC would be matched by Stowe Electric up to \$500. Fund would most likely be distributed by Capstone. The conversation about how the committee can be further involved with the Button Up campaign is to9 be continued.

Catherine spoke briefly about the SEC member survey. The survey warrants a deeper discussion so Catherine will forward the results via email and we will continue the discussion.

Cap offered to do a 15-minute presentation on heat pumps at a future date.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marina and seconded by Rick.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marina Meerburg