

**Stowe Energy Committee:** Thursday, August 27th, 2020, 5:30pm  
Minutes

**1. Minutes and Updates:** Liz Soper motioned for the minutes to be approved, seconded by Marina Meerburg.

**a.** Catherine Crawley's Updates:

i. Updated the committee on a new committee member and introduced Scott Weathers  
ii. Emailed Dan Morrison about Vermont funding an Indoor Air Quality Program, Stowe Schools are going to participate in this program through Efficiency Vermont (HVAC Systems)

**b.** Lyn Goldsmith introduced herself as a community member who recently bought an electric car... bringing up questions and struggles faced by electric car owners.

i. Michael (from Stowe Electric) brought up including more in the Stowe Reporter about EVs around Spring time, piggybacking off of a recent Stowe Reporter article published Thursday, August 27th.

ii. Liz suggested having members plus Lyn documenting their successes and challenges with doing energy related projects/purchases.

**c.** Button Up Campaign - starts on September 2nd

i. Liz will put a post on Front Porch Forum directing community members to Button Up to share weatherization stories, along with including the link to the Button Up webinar.

ii. Agreed among members that SEC will not proceed with promoting collecting donations as a town committee for Button Up.

**2. Discuss Member Survey:**

**a.** Have Stowe Electric include E-Bikes in their incentives for 2021.

**b.** Solar was voted most important project to pursue:

i. Marina suggested doing research on suitable areas/buildings for solar farms/solar panels  
1. Marina encouraged pursuing solar energy for the Public Safety Building

2. Liz suggested doing a solar farm on Stonybrook land near High School (Stonybrook contact via Catherine; Jill Appel)

ii. Tom Jackman suggested getting in touch with solar companies (Encore, Suncommon) to build a more concrete proposal

iii. Catherine suggested reaching out to Eric (a solar contractor with Aegis Renewable Energy out of Waitsfield, VT)

iv. Liz suggested collaborating with Stowe Electric to help them meet their annual renewable energy goals

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. Liz will put a post on Front Porch Forum directing community members to Button Up to share weatherization stories, along with including the link to the Button Up webinar.

2. Include an article in the Stowe Reporter about Button Up Vermont, Rick possibly will write this column for our September issue.

3. Reach out to Stowe Electric about solar incentives, future solar projects, and their annual renewable energy goals, along with also bringing up E-Bikes as an addition to Stowe Electric's incentives (Liz will make the first initial call).

4. Catherine will reach out to Eric after Liz's conversation with Stowe Electric to look into measuring and collecting data on possible buildings solar panels would be of use on.

5. Sarah will look into how school is going to proceed with clubs, and how the energy committee can collaborate with the environmental club .
6. Suggested that SEC will meet in-person for next meeting in September

**3. Adjourn:** Catherine motioned to adjourn SEC meeting @ 6:43pm

Minutes submitted by Sarah Evans