

Stowe Energy Committee Minutes

October 26, 2023

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Present: Catherine Crawley, Elizabeth Soper, Marina Meerburg, Cap Chenoweth, Robi Artman-Hodge

Absent: Julia Biedermann

Catherine called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Review of the September 28th Public Forum – A discussion about where Vermont’s Energy Comes From
Marina, Robi and Cap attended. Four members of the public attended the meeting co-hosted by LCPC and the State of VT Public Service Department. Unfortunately, the Zoom sharing was not working properly for anyone trying to join the meeting. The Public Service Dept. did a detailed job presenting the information.

Survey

Catherine thanked Elizabeth for putting all the survey results together. The results will be sent to Charles and the Selectboard. Elizabeth reviewed the results of the survey and there was discussion. There was mention of presenting the results to the public. Catherine noted that respondents were selected randomly and gift cards will be sent to them. Elizabeth said she would create a Google doc summarizing the survey process and results and asked the committee members to comment or add to it.

The committee discussed transportation/fossil fuel and its effect on Stowe. There was further discussion regarding the number of cars and traffic to the schools. Catherine mentioned the Committee had requested in the past for the school board to consider and apply for a free E bus which did not go anywhere. Marina said she has been asking for years for the Town to consider a parking area south of town for commuters and guests. Catherine said it is not just the transportation issue but also the having the Town continue make buildings etc more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Catherine said the committee should finalize the survey information and how it will be presented by either the November or December meeting.

Window Dressers

Catherine said Window Dressers will be an amazing community event and is the largest ever in VT window insert community build. Lamoille County being the largest response. They are still looking for volunteers to assist in the build.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program

The Town won two Level Two energy assessment grants – one for Akeley and the other for the Ski Museum. Contractors are being assigned. The next step is the \$500,000 implementation grant which has not opened.

Other Business

Next meeting is Thursday, November 30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Moeck.