

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE (SEC) MEETING minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023– 7pm

- The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm Those present via a zoom call were Jeff Dexter, Andrew McKeever, Katharine Clemow, John Herrington and Becca Herrington
- Andrew made a motion to accept last meeting's minutes with Becca seconding it
- Bennington Coalition of Energy Committees – ACT 172 meeting update- Presentation by Callie Fishburn was attended by Jeff Dexter and John Herrington. The funds are on hold until late this year. The state will provide an approved list of assessment companies for towns to contact. All previous quotes that we have gathered will need to be updated for the current pricing at the time.
- Capacity Grants-
- Each town will receive a \$4,000.00 grant for education and outreach programs. The application process will open in March. Jeff will call Callie Fishburn to inquire what we can spend the money on.
Possibilities discussed:
 - 1.) Survey mailing sent to town residents asking for their thoughts about what they would like the energy committee to be doing in terms of the Town's climate resiliency.
 - 2.) Climate Change Transition Forum
- Town Garage - Energy Efficiency report
The committee discussed the possible need for a small heat pump in the Town Garage to make the Winter months much more comfortable for the workers. Jeff will look into what other towns have done in making their town garages much more energy efficient and comfortable. There may be state funding for such work too.
- Town Hall – Heat Pump Update
- On hold for now until we hear back from Callie Fishburn re Act 172 funding.
- Town Hall – Solar Panels Update
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- Manchester Energy Fair (proposed for Earth Day, April 22nd, 2023) – Our role
- John to attend meeting and reports details to the rest of the committee
- Discuss possible Spring, joint (Arlington EC) Climate Change Transition Forum – Andrew gave brief update on panelists, moderator, location, date
- Maybe some of the funds from the Capacity Grant could be used towards rental of space and accommodations for panelists.
- New/other business-

- Jeff will speak during Town Meeting 3-6-23 to give residents a brief update on the SEC
- Next meeting date is March 22, 2023 at 7:00pm in person at the town hall
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm
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- Respectfully submitted,
- Becca Herrington