

## Minutes

### Sunderland Energy Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2023 – 7pm ZOOM

- Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Dexter at 7:05pm
- Present were: Jeff Dexter, Andrew McKeever, Dan Levering, Kat Clemow
- Dixie volunteered to record the Minutes.
- Jeff made a motion to accept last month's Minutes. Andrew McKeever seconded the motion and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.
- Jeff noted that he was inform the John & Becca Herrington will be moving to Arizona so John will be leaving the Sunderland Energy Committee as of this date (Oct 11, 2023).
- e MERP Mini-Grant money has been received and as bills come in (for our Forum and our survey), they will be presented to Susan so approval can be an agenda item for the Select Board. Honorarium checks will be issued to the four Participants in the panel discussions to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 7 PM
- The committee discussed our upcoming forum, Transitioning to Renewable Energy – Different Views. Andrew assembled a list of questions for panelists, which was forwarded to the EC members and to the panelists.
- At 2 PM on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Dixie and Andrew will help set up tables and chairs etc. Andrew noted Manchester Library agreed to allow us to have our dinner in a room at the Library starting at 5:30 PM. Jeff will have utensils, napkins, cups and plates for dinner. Kat will work with Andrew to coordinate the dinner...Roadrunner will provide the meals. Kat & Jeff said they would greet the members of the audience at the door as they arrive.
- 3 tables should be adequate, 2 for the panelists & Andrew (the Moderator) and one at the door where the audience will enter. Pitchers of water and cups will be needed for the panelists. Kat said she would create cards with the panelists' names to be set on the tables in front of each panelist. The table should have linens covering the tables, which Kat said she would look into.
- Jared Duval will be staying at the Ira Allen Inn on Rte. 7A. Various advertising has been on going including to: schools, orgs, energy

committees, newspapers, social media, Front Porch Forum, town gov'ts. Kat designed a small poster which Jeff had printed. Jeff also had several larger posters printed at Staples. Andrew has a PR piece running on GNAT. The event will be filmed by GNAT for later showing.

- The Green Procurement Town proposal has been submitted to the Sunderland Select Board which will be reviewed by the Board and will be voted on accepting the town memorandum in a following Select Board Meeting.
- Window Dressers update: the Northshire build assembled about 200 window inserts at the American Legion in Arlington completing the build a day ahead of schedule. Jeff, Andrew and Dixie assisted in the building of inserts in the Northshire and Kat supplied food for the volunteers.
- The Window Dressers fixtures were then sent to the Southshire build in Bennington on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff and Roger Hansen transported these in their vehicles.
- New Business: Andrew asked that we discuss (at a future meeting) the exact structure we want the Committee to operate under. Dixie said he would check with the Vermont League of Cities & Towns for guidance on this (e.g. how other town energy committees operate).
- No further new business.
- Our next meeting was set for Weds. November 29th via ZOOM.
- Jeff motioned for adjournment; Andrew seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dixie Zens