

AGENDA

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE (SEC) MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 7pm ZOOM*

- **Call to Order:** 7:14pm

- **Appoint Meeting Sec'ry to take Minutes**
 - Dan Levering

- **Accept Last Meeting's Minutes**
 - Dixie 2nd

- **Remaining MERP Mini Grant \$\$**
 - Tues. March 5th 2024 Town Meeting.

- **Survey - Development and Timing (from our MERP, mini-grant)**
 - Paper letter w/ QR code to Google survey. Self addressed, stamper envelope included.
 - Jeff to get draft questions to committee
 - Sample size? Purpose and/or goal -
 - What would you like this committee to concentrate on?
 - What resources would you like info on (heat pumps, etc)?

- **Next Community Forum (discuss titles; dates; etc.)**
 - E-Landscape “trade show” @ Town Hall (Spring).
 - Collaborate w/other town EC's, vendors, and landscape companies.

- Possibly paired with another prominent day, Earth Day or Clean Up Day.
 - Dan to help with the vendor list. Efficiency VT?
- **Sunderland as a "Green Procurement" Town - update on PR release.**
 - PR release already mailed. Manchester Journal, Bennington Banner, Vt New Guide.

SEC - future committee structure - Each report on how area ECs are set up and their pros and cons.

- **Manchester:** (Carl Bucholt) History; 20 yrs ago focused on light bulbs and programmable thermostats. Disbanded then reformed and wanted it to be more official to have more pull in town and on committees. Town oversees appointment of members through application and controls the number of members. Final advice is don't change a thing; small town, great support from residents, 2 select board members on committee already.
- **Dorset:**(Jim Salsgiver;12/4/23 email) Didn't recommend going formal. SB control ultimately is too restrictive, rather remain independent with people who are passionate about it.

Discuss possibility for an "Energy Dashboard" (similar to one Winhall is considering) to monitor our Town's energy use, efficiencies and savings:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pSrlkT8l61sTWv5Yvfe9jgcqR6lRpFKM/view>

Discuss the VCLD's Resilient Communities program:

<https://www.vtrural.org/2023-resilient-communities/>

- Paid staff available to assist the committee with projects and programs. Keep in mind for future works.

New/other business:

- No new business

Set next month's meeting date/time:

- 2/28/24 7pm

Adjourn Meeting: 8:28pm

zoom invite:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86263411973?pwd=Y0lJdGdpSVJoRzRVanBCOWw5czkzdz09>

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