

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE

MEETING TUESDAY, OCT. 1, 2024

ATTENDING: Jeff Dexter, Dixie Zens, Andrew McKeever

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Jeff Dexter.

Andrew McKeever volunteered to take minutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. Moved by Dixie, Jeff second.

Jeff updated the committee on the status of the MERP applications for the town hall and town garage. He worked with Callie Fishburn of the BCRC to get them filed on time following the select board's approval on Oct. 14. Jeff said they would know by Oct. 25th if they had been approved.

The grant requests are \$58,500 for the town hall and \$154,000 for the garage. It's possible the state might grant a portion of the total ask.

Following the MERP discussion, the committee continued an earlier discussion around recruiting new members. Each member will contact 4-5 Sunderland residents and report back at the next meeting. We may also note the openings in Front Porch Forum (FPF) and also contact our State Reps to see if they know of people who might be interested for us to contact.

A discussion on our recent, 2024 energy-survey results was briefly discussed. Since so few people who wanted more info gave us any contact info, Jeff will use FPF to re-run the survey and make sure we get contact info.

The committee also discussed how to spend the remaining money from the previous year's \$4000 MERP grant which funded the 2023 forum. Doing another forum was discussed but tables until next year. (Possible topic: Successful Green Energy Transitions at Homes and Businesses.) Another idea was to beef up our Energy Committee website for the community, which would be linked to the town's website.

The upcoming WindowDressers build was discussed, which will be happening in Manchester from 10/17 - 10/23 at First Congregational Church.

There was no other new business.

Dixie moved and Jeff seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:48.

The next meeting was scheduled (via Zoom) for Nov. 13 at 7 pm.