

Sunderland Energy Committee: 1/22/25 by Zoom

Present : Jeff Dexter, Colleen York, Andrew McKeever, Scott York, Liz Miller, Lisa Maggio, Dixie Zens

- Colleen York designated to take minutes
- Scott York motions to accept 12/18/24 minutes, Liz Miller seconds. Minutes accepted.
- Jeff Dexter introduced Lisa Maggio as newest committee member.
- Jeff reviewed MERP for Lisa's benefit.
- Guest Callie Fishburn, BCRC, joined meeting by Zoom. Callie reviewed the two engineering consulting proposals received. Proposals received from PCI Consulting and Center Line Architects.
- Discussion ensued - Is this process needed and how detailed should it be? Could the contractor chosen perform this function, what would be the additional fees? Also briefly discussed was whether Sunderland would want to bypass this step and go directly to contracting. Callie stated Select Board and Committee members could reach out with questions to either company. She also noted that SB would need to review and sign off on any proposal. Callie suggested this be done in a timely fashion and she is available to review with SB.
- Committee members will receive a copy of proposals to review.
- OLD BUSINESS RE: Mini grant website. Liz shared info on Arlington and Bennington website and who they used. Arlington used E-enable. Manchester and Hartford were not reached. Town has a page on their website and Jeff reports there is a Facebook page. Committee has til end of 2026 to use the \$3,000 grant.
- Jeff also brought up The Fuel Club as being able to lower town's propane costs.
- NEW BUSINESS: Jeff tabled discussion of Dept. Of Public Service solar credit pricing to next month.
- Petition for Dressers. Committee got enough signatures and will be warned at Town Meeting on 3/3/25

- Andrew noted Sunderland is planning a community visit/potluck dinner with Vermont Council and Rural Development in May/June and suggested part of focus could be on energy.
- Andrew also reported that our two state representatives James and Hunter will be at the 1/27/25 Select Board meeting and invited all to come.
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 2/20/25 at 7 PM ZOOM.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM