

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES: 5/28/2025 by ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Present: Jeff Dexter (chair), Liz Miller, Dixie Zens, Lisa Maggio, Scott York, Colleen York

Colleen York volunteered to take minutes.

MERP GRANT UPDATE

Liz Miller reported she met with Kelly, project manager from Center Line on 5/13/25. Two select board members showed up for another reason but joined Liz and Kelly. They visited the town garage for Kelly to assess. Mark Johnston, road dept. foreman was present at town garage.

Liz reported that Kelly, project manager indicated that solar panels on the town garage would not be a good idea, suggested a free standing solar panel at town hall could be done and credit received for town garage. Ceiling of town garage should be insulated which would be the largest heat saver, the walls would not necessarily need to be insulated. Dixie Zens said the walls have some insulation. Kelly also noted a heat pump in the far back of the building would be a good idea.

Following visit to town garage the group went back to town hall. Town clerk provided Kelly with digital plans of town hall and they reviewed energy bills for town. Kelly noted town hall is very efficient. There was a brief discussion about a heat pump for the meeting room.

Jeff has emailed Kelly for her recommendations to review with select board.

MERP mini grant and our Energy Committees web page re-design - Jeff will contact Laura, town web person for follow up. Liz is also working on this project.

WINDOW DRESSERS - Jeff reported town has 200 firm orders, goal is 250. Sunderland was only town that designated funding for low income, other towns considering for next year. Measuring begins in July through August. Focus will now be on fund raising. October 2 - October 8 will be date to build, will be looking for volunteers to participate. It will be held at American Legion, Arlington.

GREEN UP DAY REVIEW - 55 volunteers, 78 bags of litter, 19 tires, this includes work done by GMP and Orvis employees. Next year is May 2, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS - Jeff shared information on solar fest in Brandon, Vt this summer, he sent email to all members.

Dixie talked about the Community Visit and dinner 6/18/25. There will be a total of 3 gatherings for residents to work together on potential goals for our town of Sunderland. Volunteers needed for dessert or salads.

Jeff asked members to think about what we, as a committee, should be focused on in the future and to bring ideas to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING - Monday, June 23, 7 PM ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

