

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 9/23/25 by ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

PRESENT : Jeff Dexter(chair), Andrew McKeever, Lisa Maggio, Liz Miller, Scott York, Colleen York

Colleen York volunteered to be secretary for meeting.

Liz Miller motioned to accept previous months minutes, Scott York seconded. Minutes accepted.

DISCUSSION:

MERP UPDATE - Jeff reported that the town garage columns need to be inspected. The two “man doors” at the garage need to be replaced with high energy efficiency doors and weather stripping. Once this is completed and weather is cold a blower door test can be done to assess air leakage. Back door at Town Hall and meeting room door need to be sealed up along with weather stripping. Jeff asked if anyone had names of a handyman who could do the above. Liz had a possibility and will check if available. Town Clerk will be asked for any recommendations. As of now no contractor has been found to do these tasks.

Roof vs ground mounted solar was discussed. Committee members all agreed that roof mounted would be best when looking at positives vs. negatives for both.

Brief review of wetlands/plant study by Aimee Rutledge of DuBois-King. Energy Committee recommends Aimee Rutledge attend a select board meeting to review and answer questions they may have.

Jeff noted he forwarded these issues to chairman of the select board to be reviewed at their meeting.

MINI GRANT/WEBSITE - Liz reported that things regarding website with Laura is on hold until select board updates the town policies. Chair man of select board is to let Liz know when this is completed. Jeff asked who is on FACEBOOK, Jeff is the only committee member on FACEBOOK. The question remains on how to improve the Energy Committee town webpage. It was suggested that we send information etc. from Button Up Vermont and Efficiency Vermont directly to Laura to post on the town's webpage.

WINDOW DRESSERS - Jeff sent a link to sign up to volunteer. There are 250 orders. Volunteers are needed on 10/5 and 10/6. Jeff noted that volunteers are needed to provide meals for 15 people along with building and packaging of the window dressers.

SUNDERLAND SHINES UPDATE - Andrew noted that the Community Space Task Force is off to a good start. Discussion centered on town hall, church and school. There are many questions about what happens to school and grounds if school closes. Andrew reported that there is a non binding referendum vote on the school on October 28.

BUTTON UP VERMONT - Activities we are engaged in, such as window dressers, sealing up town buildings and assisting town government when updating Town Plan indicates we are a Button Up Vermont town.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING - Monday, 10/27/25 7 PM by ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM