

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING Zoom

November 20, 2025

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

Called to order at 8:04 p.m.

Lisa Maggio volunteered to take minutes.

Dixie Zens motions to accept the October 27, 2025 minutes, Jeff Dexter seconds. Minutes accepted.

Committee Slot Opening

Everyone will start thinking about possible people. Suggestions to look into those engaged in Sunderland Shines and Green up day.

Updates On MERP Grant for Town Garage and Town Hall

- Kelly and Callie will be at the next Select Board Meeting (Monday 11/24).
 - Most of the Energy Committee plan to be there in person or over zoom, too.
- Callie sent an email to Jeff (who shared with the committee) and the Select Board on where we stand.
- We need to know the usage of propane over the last 5 years. Jeff will find out.
- To move forward with the garage we need to take one of the outer wall panels off to see what is underneath.
 - If no or little air barrier, the next step will adding one
 - If there is one, the next step will be a blower door test to find out where air is escaping.
 - Dixie is going to look into if he can remove the panel so we do not have to pay for someone to do it.
 - If he can Jeff will take pictures and send them to Centerline (?) to confirm what is there and how to proceed.
- We need to find out if we can move forward with anything else (solar panels) while we are waiting on the garage.

Mini Grant - Website

- Waiting to hear back from Todd (Select Board) on what the website status is.

VECAN

- Jeff is working on putting together a summary to send out.
- Other towns are working with their local newspapers to include a piece called "Climate and You". It works as a place to share resources, events and what your neighbors are doing.
 - Since our paper includes multiple towns we could work with other town energy committees. We could take turns writing the pieces to share the load.
 - Andrew will look into this more.
 - Jeff will check in with other committees.

Municipal Plan

- The Planning Committee appreciated the help we have provided. They know that the Energy Committee is ready when they need more of us.
- BCRC will provide all the “energy” stats that are needed.

Sunderland Shines

- Dixie will propose a pavilion at the Town Hall at the next Select Board Meeting. The question wetlands is on hold until the Spring, due colder and drying weather we now have.
- The next meeting is in December.

Next Meeting set for Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m. - zoom.

Meeting Adjourned 8:58