

## **SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES 2/25/26**

Energy Committee called to order at 7:05 PM ZOOM meeting

PRESENT - Jeff Dexter, chairperson, Andrew McKeever, Scott York, Colleen York, Lisa Maggio, Dixie Zens

Colleen York offered to take minutes. Jeff Dexter motioned to accept last months minutes, Dixie Zens seconded, all agreed, minutes accepted.

### **COMMITTEE SLOT OPENING:**

Colleen reported there was no replies to the notice in Front Porch Forum seeking new members. Jeff indicated he will send out emails to people on contact list from previous survey and previous town meeting.

### **UPDATE MERP GRANT TOWN GARAGE AND TOWN HALL:**

Dixie reported that BGS was emphatic that the grant would pay for the roof repair/replacement. Jeff and Callie Fishburn attended recent Select Board meeting where that was reiterated. Jeff did clarify that it was reported it was dependent on cost, but town can apply for additional funds and if 50% of the work is completed by end date we may be able to apply for more time under MERP. MERP grant will not pay for garage beams. Todd Lawrence is to get a third quote as the two quotes were significantly different. Jeff indicated he would like to see Centerline representative to attend Select Board meetings to keep the process moving.

### **MERP mini grant website:**

Jeff emailed a list of other towns energy committees webpages for members to review. Members were asked to review and report back pros and cons for each one for next committee meeting. VECAN was also discussed as great resource to get information to put on website. Lisa suggested focusing on EVENTS, SAVING MONEY and EDUCATION as key areas for website which she saw on a website.

### **BENNINGTON BANNER/MANCHESTER JOURNAL "ENERGY COLUMN":**

Members provided ideas for column and decided that first column should be about town energy committees, how they evolved, what they do and how to get involved. More to come on that.

### **MUNICIPAL PLAN UPDATE:**

No information.

**FUTURE PROJECTS:**

WINDOW DRESSERS - Dates are 10/22/26 to 10/28/26 at First Congregational Church in Manchester. Goal is 250 inserts, already have 140, some are from last year that did not get completed.

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dixie reported he contacted GMP regarding incentives but has not heard back.

Lisa asked what is required to be designated a Button Up Town, Jeff will report back on that.

Andrew noted we should start planning GREEN UP DAY. Scheduled for May 2. Andrew noted that it had been discussed about having a town wide event, picnic etc. at same time. Colleen will asked resident who suggested that idea if they would like to attend Energy Committee next meeting to discuss.

Scott suggested town provide some "Grabber Reacher Tools" for Green Up Day to assist people in hard to reach areas.

**Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 25, 7 PM ZOOM.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM