

SUNDERLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE
MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 7pm ZOOM

Energy Committee called to order at 7:09 PM

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

Lisa Maggio offered to take minutes. Dixie Zens motioned to accept last months minutes, ColleenYork seconded, all agreed, minutes accepted.

UPDATE MERP GRANT

Work is moving forward.

- Quotes are coming in for work.
 - LED work in Town Hall - Recommendation for hybrid (Type A+B). They would allow us to use current ballasts, cost effective and energy efficient. Current ballasts nearing the end of their life.
 - Heat Pumps in Town Hall - Gathering quotes. Peak Efficiency coming tomorrow (April 23) and M&M in the works. Already received one from Tim Heart.
 - Waiting to hear more about garage. Beam work needs to be done before we move forward with anything else.
- The Select Board voted that Kelly from Centerline will be project manager. Timing is something that could be a challenge.

MINI GRANT/WEBSITE

- Jeff has been updating the SEC Facebook page.
- Rather than changing the current webpage significantly we will update resources and information. When a member of the committee finds something educational (that does not promote a company or person) they will work on adding it to the website.

BANNER/JOURNAL COLUMN

- Jeff wrote the first article and submitted it. Andrew will check status.
- Arlington is ready to go for the next one.

GREEN UP DAY

- People are already getting out there and cleaning up our streets. Exciting!
- Jeff will add to Front Porch Forum again.
- 25-30 volunteers already signed up

DISCUSS FOSSIL FUEL PRICES VS RENEWABLE ENERGY PRICES

- Andrew wondered if there was a way we could do more education on the value of renewable energy. People might be more interested in learning more given the current cost of fuel.
 - VECAN might be a good resource for ideas on what we could do.
 - Perhaps this could be a topic for the column?

FUTURE PROJECTS

- If solar is installed at the Town Hall, would it be possible to have a screen to share information about the energy brought in by the solar, money saved and so on? Could provide education on the power of solar.

NEXT MEETING MAY 27, 7:00 PM - ZOOM

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:52