

Starksboro Energy Committee

Monday March 11, 2024

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
  - a. Richard Faesy, Megan Nedzinski, Rich Warren, Jeff Dunham
2. Public Comments
3. Approve Minutes from 2/12/24
  - a. Jeff moved, Rich seconded
  - b. Approved
  - c. Megan abstained
4. Energy Committee Appointments:
  - a. The Energy Committee has three seats up for appointment this year:
    - i. Robyn King – 1 year term
    - ii. Richard Warren – 1 year term
    - iii. Megan Nedzinski – 2 year term
  - b. Rich would like to be reappointed for 1 year
  - c. Megan is willing to be reappointed 2 years
  - d. Richard to ask Robyn
  - e. We should talk to the Rebecca and the Select Board about making all appointments for 3 years, but on staggered terms once these are reappointed.
5. Town Meeting Review
  - a. Richard gave a heads up at town meeting that we'd be getting the word out on support for weatherization work with support from Pete AK
6. Allocating Solar Credits to Town Buildings Update
  - a. Jeff asked Nancy about what has happened with GMP, and the answer was not yet
  - b. Nancy will reach out to Jeff if she has any questions once she looks into it
  - c. Rich talked to Catherine at the Library and she is only seeing \$35/month bills since the solar is offsetting most of their use
  - d. Food shelf building is not seeing any savings
  - e. Credits dropped due to losing \$.06 adder
  - f. Could shift from the ballfield
  - g. Jeff will reach out to Rebcca to follow up
7. Transitioning ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM) to the Town
  - a. Megan reached out to Rebecca and Nancy to sit down and do a tour
  - b. Trying to coordinate a meeting time
  - c. Rebecca asked about why we are using ESPM
  - d. Megan will talk about benefits of ESPM when she meets with them
  - e. ESPM is a central repository that can be accessed by everyone, is secure, has reports, allows comparisons to other municipalities
  - f. We were thoughtful in picking ESPM, so let's keep using it

- g. Time sensitivity? Megan will follow up in mid-April
- 8. Community Weatherization Plans
  - a. Richard reported that the CEAC Navigator efforts would not require a pay-in from Starksboro to work with them to use their materials and support
  - b. Coordination with Rebecca and Pete
    - i. RF to reach out to Rebecca to volunteer to review and work with them
    - ii. Develop a plan together
    - iii. Find out when they are meeting and see if we can join
- 9. VEEP Workshop
  - a. Orwell Library had successful workshop recently
  - b. Rich talked to Catherine at the Library and is interested in hosting
  - c. Audience is more focused on adults
  - d. Rich will reach out Catherine to figure out best time
  - e. Co-sponsored by Library and Energy Committee
- 10. Building Audits and Projects
  - a. MERP Grant ([Act 172](#)) audits
    - i. We would like to review the reports before they are finalized
    - ii. ESPM has year built listed in it
    - iii. RF ask Rebecca if we can review the report before finalizing
      - 1. RF then follow up with Nick Thiltgen
  - b. Jerusalem Schoolhouse
    - i. Look at the report when it comes back
  - c. Food Shelf
    - i. Avoid foam spray before cellulose; Aeroseal would be better
    - ii. Ask Rebecca to see drafts
  - d. Meetinghouse Preschool
    - i. Tegan mentioned they received \$350k in grants
    - ii. RF suggest Tim Sinkevich to Tegan
    - iii. Mark Whitcomb on Mason Hill North
      - 1. Cell: 802-343-0984
  - e. Robinson School Heat Pump Water Heaters
    - i. MAUSD finally got back to us.
    - ii. Waiting to see what's next
- 11. Seeking Other Grants
  - a. Starksboro Public Library Energy and Ventilation Project
  - b. Pavilion Solar Roof or other PV
    - i. 13 kW Town Gap
    - ii. 8 kW Library Electrification Needs
  - c. Town may get grant information
    - i. Rich will ask Rebecca to keep us in the loop or if we can pursue
    - ii. Rich and Tom Perry asked about
    - iii. ARPA and IJA funding is coming to Addison County
    - iv. MTAP funding; Starksboro is eligible
  - d. Rich will pursue Rebecca

12. Energy Committee meetings timing and attendance
  - a. Lunch time works for Rich, Jeff and Megan
  - b. Move back to the first Monday of the month at noon-1:00
13. Other business
  - a. Library is interested in a smart thermostat
    - i. Ecobee or Honeywell
    - ii. Wifi connectivity
14. Next meeting – move from 4/8/24 (Eclipse day!)
  - a. Move to the first Monday of each month at noon