

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday December 7, 2020

Virtual Teams Meeting

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Conference ID: 222 356 293#

1. Attendees
 - a. Jeff Dunham
 - b. Megan
 - c. Robyn
 - d. Richard
 - e. Pete Antos-Ketchan
 - f. Guests
 - i. Steve & Monique Thurston
 1. Residents of Ferrisburgh since 1995
 2. Moved to Hahr's old house on Ireland Road
2. Approve Minutes from Nov. 2, 2020
 - a. Jeff moved, Megan seconded
 - b. Approved
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. VECAN Conference
 - a. 110 people
 - b. Richard attended and reported out
5. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Plans for 2020-2021
 - a. Self-guided materials
 - b. Still open for virtual home energy visits through Feb 2021, at least
 - c. Robyn will post on Front Porch Forum
 - d. It has been challenging to keep up virtual enthusiasm
 - e. Sessions are up and posted
 - f. SION was the most popular video on a barn to home conversion
 - g. DIY focus
 - h. "Neighbors helping neighbors"
6. Food Shelf/New Communities Project outreach and coordination
 - a. Pete is waiting for materials from Robyn
7. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project
 - a. Training Celine

- i. Coordinating a call between Robyn and Celine
 - ii. Celine is now living in Texas
 - iii. Jeff talked to Celine recently
 - 1. She is wrapping up some other projects
 - 2. Trying to schedule an 8:00 or 9:00 time slot this week
 - 3. Jeff will coordinate with Robyn and Celine
 - iv. Jeff has shared instructions that will allow her to access the town's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM) account
 - v. Celine doesn't have ESPM login credentials yet, so will need help setting that up
 - vi. Robyn will work directly with Celine to get her an account
 - vii. Then there should be a call after she is set up
 - viii. Dropbox accounts
 - 1. Utility bills folder
 - 2. Instead of emails, use Dropbox
 - 3. Set up "Bills Posted" to put entered files into after they have been uploaded in ESPM
 - 4. We will attempt to keep all past and future energy records in the Dropbox "Benchmarking_ESPM" folder
 - 5. Jeff will move propane and Hart & Mead data into Dropbox
 - b. Next steps
 - i. Jeff will move all energy bills he has into Dropbox
 - ii. Robyn will coordinate a Zoom-type meeting to with Celine copying Jeff and Megan to coordinate her training
 - iii. Robyn will train Celine and get her started
 - iv. SEC to review updated ESPM on January 4, 2021
 - v. When Celine is replaced, we will need to transition to the new treasurer
8. Update on Paul Webb's Electricity Reporting Tool
 - a. Jeff sent Paul a note with some questions to then follow up with Celine
 - b. Need to figure out which accounts to provide access
 - c. Helping with solar and energy bills to track data daily or hourly with direct GMP downloads to help us better manage our energy use
9. Solar PV
 - a. Determine what to recommend
 - b. Plans for approaching Select Board
 - c. Waiting for benchmarking exercise to complete
 - d. Likely to wait until after Town Meeting
10. Town Plan Energy Sections
 - a. Substantial deference coordination with the Planning Commission
 - b. Richard to talk to Denny about this process
 - i. Denny may want the Energy Committee to step in and help
 - ii. Offer to help out
 - iii. Applicant should be the Planning Commission not the Energy Committee
 - c. We were pleased to read ACRPC's commendation of our Town Plan
 - d. Tell the Planning Commission that they did a great job

11. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
 - a. One family has decided to postpone due to health issues of Bette
 - b. Other project is moving forward in January
12. Other business
 - a. Town Meeting Day – Under other business; informational report out
 - i. Benchmarking update highlights
 - ii. Town Plan
 - iii. Updates
 1. Button UP campaign
 2. Wx projects happening in town
13. Adjourned 7:04
14. Next meeting
 - a. January 4, 2021