

Starksboro Energy Committee
5:30 p.m. Monday February 1, 2021
Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
 - a. Pete Antos-Ketcham
 - b. Richard Faesy
 - c. Jeff Dunham
2. Approve Minutes from Jan. 4, 2021
 - a. Pete moved, Jeff seconded
 - b. Unanimously approved
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. SEC Appointments Update
 - a. Pete will be done after Town Meeting
 - b. Board seats as of February 2018:
 - i. Richard – 3 years (Feb. 2021)
 - ii. Pete – 3 years (Feb. 2021)
 - iii. Jeff -2 years (Feb. 2020)
 - iv. Megan -2 years (Feb. 2020)
 - v. Phil -1 year (Feb 2019)
 - c. Richard sent another email to Koran and Rebecca asking for guidance
5. Plan for Town Meeting
 - a. Virtual town meeting without any voting
 - b. Mail in Australian ballot
 - c. Richard to provide a verbal report based on the submission for the Town Report
6. Town Plan Energy Meeting with SPC and ACRPC
 - a. Coordination with the Planning Commission
 - i. Scheduled for Feb. 4
 - ii. Richard and Jeff are planning to call in
 - b. Plan for ACRPC Energy Committee meeting
 - i. Wait for results after meeting on Thursday
7. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Update
 - a. No updates; Robyn was not able to attend
8. Food Shelf/New Communities Project outreach and coordination
 - a. Food Shelf

- i. Still waiting for information from Efficiency Vermont
 - b. Everyone Eats is now funded through June
 - i. Handing out 130 meals every Friday
 - ii. Mostly from Starksboro
 - c. Pete just got call for wood from Wood Bank
 - i. He has 6 cords (1 in S. Starksboro and 5 at Old Town Garage)
 - ii. HOPE in Midd. Is supposed to be recipient of calls
 - iii. 3 deliveries are included in Pete's truck
 - iv. Supposed to be for short-term needs
 - v. Donation have been provided to buy wood if needed
 - vi. May try to close the loop in the future with the Town Forest
- 9. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project Update
 - a. Training update
 - i. Celine won't be trained before she leaves
 - ii. Robert Turner suggested by email looping back after we have a new treasurer in place
 - iii. We should wait to upload the data until we can do it while training a new treasurer
 - b. Review result
 - i. None
 - c. Plans for next Town Treasurer
 - i. Wait until we have a new person in place
- 10. Update on Paul's Electricity Reporting Tool
 - a. Celine thought she had sent information in to GMP
 - b. Jeff will follow up with GMP
- 11. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
 - a. Work on one resident's house is now complete and he is more comfortable than he has ever been
 - b. \$25 million Gov allocated in his budget address for weatherization
- 12. Town Solar Trackers
 - a. The 10 years term for the \$.06/kWh adder will likely be dropped shortly
 - b. Therefore, the monthly credit will drop and we'll have less \$ to apply to the group of buildings
 - c. We were meeting 80% of load
 - d. \$20/month/meter service charge will no longer be able to be credited
 - e. We need to have a discussion about bill allocations as all this changes with the new treasurer
 - f. We would like to go to the Select Board with the new treasurer backing us up with Robert as we make any solar
 - g. We need a complete plan before we go to the Select Board
 - h. Jeff will research GMP website to better understand where and when the solar adder is going away
 - i. Keep tabs on the Gov's new \$10 million community solar proposal
 - j. Tracker Communications Update

- i. Jeff had worked with AllEarth to get communications back in action and that software was updated and communications and data are now flowing
- ii. The School is fine with keeping the connection
- iii. The Select Board ask the Energy Committee to be the point of contact for AllEarth

1. Jeff volunteered to play this role

13. Future Agenda Items

a. Solar PV

- i. Determine what to recommend
- ii. Plans for approaching Select Board

b. Review the zoning by-law to make sure it's in compliance with the energy section of the Town Plan

14. Other business

15. Next meeting

a. March 1

16. Adjourned at 6:44