

Starksboro Energy Committee  
5:30 p.m. Monday June 7, 2021  
Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
  - a. Jeff Dunham
  - b. Richard Faesy
  - c. Robyn King
    - i. EVT Existing Homes Program Manager now
    - ii. Has been at EVT two years
  - d. Megan Nedzinski
2. Approve Minutes from May 10, 2021
  - a. Jeff moved to approved
  - b. Richard second
    - i. Robyn respectfully abstained
    - ii. Approved
3. Public Comments
  - a. None
4. Town Plan Energy
  - a. Address Question from the Planning Commission
  - b. Review Megan's draft letter
    - i. Will draft letter for review
    - ii. Three parts to her letter
      1. Reminding the benefits of Substantial Deference
        - a. Remind them of what this is and why it protects the interest of the Town
        - b. It's not a liability or commitment to the town, but an opportunity for a voice at the table
      2. Responding to their questions with references to the Town Energy Plan
      3. Respond with information to last three bullets
        - a. We have information in data from GMP from Starksboro bills
        - b. 2020 is 10 years out as basis for letter
        - c. Jeff will confirm when the date we lose the \$.06/kWh adder and that we lose the service charge (meter reading fee) offset we would have to pay
        - d. Robyn sent out current data
        - e. Jeff will ask AllEarth about solar degradation over time
5. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project Update
  - a. Robyn has entered benchmarking data:
    - i. GMP
      1. 2020-2021
      2. Historical data missing from 2019

3. Robyn will update back information
    4. Street lights and the Rec Field aren't included
    5. Can't apply solar credits to the street lights
  - ii. Fuel use
    1. Robyn will finish inputting fuel oil and propane for all buildings
  - iii. Solar data
    1. Need to input
    2. Could create a new account for just the solar to keep track of all solar in one bucket
    3. GMP data is kWh generated and returned, which are the same for this data set
  - b. Once all is in, we would then have all energy information for the Town
    - i. Can run one report with street lights and one without
6. Solar PV
  - a. GMP 10 year solar adder term is ending
  - b. Determine what to recommend to Select Board
    - i. Jerusalem School House committee discussed solar on that roof
  - c. The recent proposed AllEarth proposal was on school land and not town land so the Select Board decided not to move forward since it's not their land
  - d. Jeff may follow up on AllEarth repowering trackers to better understand data results and potential impacts
7. Update on Paul's Electricity Reporting Tool
  - a. It's a data logger that takes information directly from GMP
  - b. This is interesting and could be useful
  - c. If AllEarth is presumably watching this now
    - i. The Town should be looking at the AllEarth web site
  - d. We should let this go for now
8. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Update
  - a. 2021/2022 planning is under way
  - b. Robyn will let organizer know Starksboro is interested
  - c. More details in the upcoming months
  - d. Window Dressers is taking hold in communities
    - i. Maine non-profit provides materials
    - ii. EVT will do some testing on performance and may lead to some savings
9. Food Shelf/New Communities Project outreach and coordination
  - a. EVT launched some low-income programming, under development
  - b. Should be getting closer to an answer
10. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
  - a. Richard to drop off CVOEO brochures at Town Clerk's Office
  - b. Customer was pleased with WAP program
    - i. Ask customer if he would be willing to do a testimonial
  - c. Huntington did a weatherization 101 event
  - d. Robin would be interested in brainstorming on future events and making local connections

- i. FPF postings
  - e. Think about trying to clear out basements or attics to coordinate both events as an incentive
- 11. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Review the zoning by-law to make sure it's in compliance with the energy section of the Town Plan
    - i. Work through current Planning Commission issues first and secure substantial deference
  - b. Coordinate with the Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) of Addison County
    - i. There is a virtual workshop on Wednesday Richard will send out
  - c. Promotion of weatherization program
    - i. Ask weatherization candidate for testimonials
  - d. Community Solar
    - i. The town owns the land that the solar trackers are on and so it could be a possible future community solar site
    - ii. There may be some grid issues to address, but the project at the dump worked
  - e. Mobile Home Parks energy support
    - i. VERMOD replacements?
    - ii. Could be a challenge how to address this issue, but there are some good opportunities
- 12. Other business
  - a. EV charging station
    - i. May 20 charging station was not working
    - ii. Jeff contract ChargePoint
      - 1. Intermittent charging experienced
      - 2. They are monitoring it and will fix it if they find an issue
    - iii. We should provide a report on usage to the Select Board
  - b. Celine and Bill Coon are moving to Texas if we need any additional
- 13. Next meeting
  - a. Megan will circulate letter ahead of time and then we can discuss at the next meeting
  - b. Reschedule the next meeting from July 5 to June 21