

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday July 10, 2023

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Welcome
 - a. Jeff Dunham
 - b. Richard Faesy
 - c. Megan Nedzinski
 - d. Rich Warren
2. Public Comments
 - a. None
3. Approve Minutes from 5/1/23 Meeting
 - a. Jeff moved to approve
 - b. Richard seconded
 - c. Approved
 - d. Megan abstained
4. June 4 Community Event Debrief
 - a. Handed out 15 or so Efficiency Vermont free Energy Kits
 - b. Rich Warren had some good props to get people's attention
 - c. Richard brought a blower door and showed a few people
 - d. Went well, handed out materials from ACRPC and CVOEO
5. Building Science "BS" and Beer
 - a. Hogback Brewery on Sundays recently
 - b. Had about a dozen people show up
 - c. Many homeowners attended along with practitioners
 - d. Nate Gusakov organized and has been promoting
 - e. VGBN and Front Porch Forum has been posting and promoting
 - f. Next one Sunday 7/30 at Hogback Brewery 1-3:30 pm
6. Transitioning ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to the Town
 - a. Megan is willing to help transition the opportunity to Rebecca Elder
 - b. We don't have a treasurer now who would be the best person for continuity until we get a new treasurer to hand this responsibility

- c. Rebecca Elder would be a good person to give the lead
 - d. Megan has access to all the records with ESPM she could share with Rebecca
 - e. Megan will reach out to Rebecca
7. Grant Updates
- a. ARPA Town Grant Submissions
 - i. Starksboro Public Library Energy and Ventilation Project
 - ii. Jerusalem Schoolhouse
 - iii. No decisions yet
 - iv. We may not get it for the Library since there may need to be other grant funds, so wait and see for the Library
 - v. Library Associations are releasing funding shortly that may be available
 - 1. Needs assessment came out first
 - 2. Library board would know about opportunities here
 - b. [Act 172](#) (MERP Grant)
 - i. \$4,000 Community Event
 - 1. Starksboro received this grant for outreach efforts in town
 - 2. Richard to reach out to Rebecca to see what plans are for using this
 - 3. Richard to talk to Pete Antos-Ketcham about how we might use the funds to promote mobile home park participation
 - a. See if Pete could come to a future meeting
 - ii. Auditors at Cx Associates or DuBois and King would be good
 - 1. Line up auditors to keep the process moving
 - c. Richard to follow up with Rebecca to see next steps
8. Robinson School Heat Pump Water Heaters
- a. Jeff and Richard did a site visit with Joel Fitzgerald from MAUSD
 - b. There needs to be some metering done to determine hot water use before sizing a new heat pump water heater system
 - c. Is there any recirculation as part of the system?
 - i. May be worth putting a few distributed systems in if there is a recirculation system
 - ii. Make sure to consider recirculation as part of the retrofit plan
 - d. Unclear about kitchen water use
 - e. Richard to reach out to Joel on status of the project
9. Weatherization Campaign Plans
- a. Front Porch Forum & Energy Corner Postings
 - i. Richard to follow up with another article for FPF and Town Energy Corner
 - 1. 7/22 posted article on EVT Free Energy Savings Kits
 - b. Button Up Campaign
 - i. Fall event
 - ii. Richard to ask Robyn about enrolling Starksboro and an update on details
 - iii. Leverage \$4,000
 - c. Mobile home outreach effort
 - i. Set up pizza dinner or another meal to get people to come and promote CVOEO program

- ii. Speaker from CVOEO
 - iii. Coordinate with Pete
 - iv. Go to parks if there is community space at each of them
 - v. Hand out flyers and draw people to the event
 - vi. Richard to reach out to Pete and Rebecca to coordinate
 - d. EnergyCommittee@Starksboro.org email
10. Other business
- a. AllEarth trackers
 - i. All are pretty much in synch now
 - ii. Rich will talk with Rebecca to understand our service contract arrangements
 - b. Pavilion Solar
 - i. Solar panels instead of roofing?
 - ii. Lumos glazing system
 - 1. Similar to a curtain wall
 - 2. St. Alban Glass may have an option
 - iii. Reach back out to Bristol Electronics, Chris Marion
 - 1. She works with a company in Morrisville
 - iv. Others to talk to
 - 1. Oakley Smith, Smith McLean
 - a. Richard talk to Caleb Elder
 - 2. Harvestar, Eric Hartman
 - 3. Library in Lincoln
 - 4. Green Mountain Solar?
11. Next meetings
- a. SEC meetings are now on the second Monday of the month
 - b. 8/14/23 Energy Committee