

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday September 12, 2022

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
  - a. Richard Faesy
  - b. Jeff Dunham
  - c. Pete Antos Ketcham
2. Approve Minutes from 7/18/2022
  - a. Megan moved, Jeff seconded
  - b. Approved unanimously
3. Public Comments
  - a. None
4. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project
  - a. Incorporated the solar pieces into the analysis
  - b. Jeff is pulling in some information from Jackmans
    - i. Waiting for Mary to get back to us
  - c. 2019 is the most typical year and representative
  - d. This will be on on-going project to fill in
  - e. Share results with Select Board
    - i. Ask what we'd like to do as next steps
    - ii. Fuel switching and weatherization priorities
5. Adding More Town Solar
  - a. AllEarth Research Findings
  - b. Jeff talked to Evan Blittersdorf
  - c. We are 11 years out from installing the panels
  - d. Asking what we should do to make up for purchased electricity
  - e. We could look at \$ or kWh
  - f. Where is the biggest bang for the buck for drawing down carbon?
  - g. Could some more solar qualify
6. ARPA Applications
  - a. Tier 3 Eligible Projects
    - i. GMP could help subsidize if we displace fossil fuels
  - b. Three Phase Power
    - i. GMP will follow up with Jeff and he will see what suggestions they have
    - ii. Sugaring evaporator from CDL requires three phase
    - iii. There is a lot of oil going into make maple syrup
    - iv. Jeff will talk with GMP
    - v. GMP and Three Phase
      1. Jeff followed up with Eric Lemery at GMP to discuss three phase for the village

- 2. 802-355-1961
      - 3. Cost is complicated; “it depends”
    - vi. Metal shop left town in part due to no three phase power
    - vii. A high-speed EV charger would require three phase power
      - 1. Could support a bus stop mass transit
  - c. Starksboro Public Library Energy and Ventilation Project
    - i. ARPA application review
    - ii. Richard to submit as modified
      - 1. Include contingency clause for price escalation of 7%/year
    - iii. Need to attempt to get three bids if accepted
7. Planning Commission Coordination
  - a. Joint meeting went well
  - b. Mobile Home parks was a significant outcome from the meeting
  - c. Nov. 3 set joint meeting
  - d. Rebecca will set up meeting
8. Select Board Meeting Planning for 9/20
  - a. Review and update PowerPoint
  - b. Richard to update based on feedback
9. Prioritizing EC’s efforts
  - a. Benchmarking town buildings
    - i. Auditing top four energy using buildings
    - ii. Solar options
  - b. Town Planning coordination
    - i. Mobile home parks
  - c. Substantial deference
    - i. On hold for now
    - ii. Wait for the right time
  - d. Initiatives from the Select Board
  - e. Other initiatives
10. Other business
11. Next meetings
  - a. 9/20 Select Board
  - b. 10/3 Energy Committee
  - c. 11/3 Planning Commission
  - d. 11/7 Energy Committee