

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday June 21, 2021

Virtual Teams Meeting

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1. Attendees
  - a. Megan
  - b. Pete
  - c. Richard
2. Approve Minutes from June 7, 2021
  - a. Wait until next meeting to approve since Pete wasn't at the last meeting
3. Public Comments
  - a. None
4. Town Plan Energy
  - a. Address Questions from the Planning Commission (Jeff Keeney's letter)
    - i. Local control would be provided by obtaining "substantial deference"
    - ii. We need to communicate the benefits of having "local control" and a seat at the table
    - iii. Review Megan's draft letter
      1. Megan will accept edits and share with Richard
      2. Richard to circulate to committee for comments by end of week for opportunities to shorten and address the PC's concerns
      3. Richard to send to the PC next week
5. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project Update
  - a. Robyn will send an update to the SEC by the end of the week
  - b. Focus on at our next meeting
    - i. Outline what we want to say at our next SEC meeting
    - ii. Develop metrics and priorities for addressing our buildings based on the data
6. Solar PV
  - a. Don't ask for money for PV upgrades now
  - b. Now is not a good time to request town funding
7. Select Board Report
  - a. The SB has asked for a report from the SEC
    - i. We have put off this request in the past until we completed the benchmarking work and could come forward with recommendations
  - b. When benchmarking analysis is complete, present to SB

- i. Bring this information to the Select Board as a way to help with planning
      - c. Report back on what we're doing, including the following:
        - i. Substantial deference and PC response after hearing back from the PC after they receive our letter
        - ii. EAN Energy Atlas Update on Starksboro solar capacity (through 2019)
          - 1. 12% of electricity used in town is generated from solar PV
          - 2. 771.28 kW total capacity
          - 3. 848,408 kWh/Yr (based on 1,100\* kW)
          - 4. 66 Projects
          - 5. Sizes range from 2.5 to 150 kW
          - 6. 6,880,828 Total kWh use in Starksboro (from Table 4 on page 6 of Town Plan Energy Appendix)
        - iii. Researching other grants and resources that may be able to help the town
        - iv. Findings and any recommendations that come out of the benchmarking exercise
8. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Update and Promotion of Weatherization
    - i. Wait for Robyn to report back
  - b. Food Shelf/New Communities Project outreach and coordination
    - i. Pete and Robyn will communicate in person and report back
  - c. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
    - i. Richard to leave CVOEO WAP brochures at the Town Clerk's office
    - ii. Pete will check out on resident's house and report back
  - d. Not discussed
    - i. EV Charging Station Updates
    - ii. Review the zoning by-law to make sure it's in compliance with the energy section of the Town Plan
    - iii. Coordinate with the Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) of Addison County
    - iv. Community Solar
    - v. Mobile Home Parks
9. Other business
  - a. Meeting in person
    - i. Virtual or hybrid meeting options will be good
    - ii. Consider meeting on other days other than Mondays or start later at 6:00
      - 1. Pete will let Richard know
      - 2. Richard send a poll out to ask about days
        - a. Mondays vs. Tuesdays
          - i. First Monday vs. Second Monday vs. Second Tuesday
        - b. 5:30 vs. 6:00
        - c. Papa Nicks vs. Good Times
10. Next meeting
  - a. Consider taking August off and resume in September 13 (unless we choose another date based on polling)
    - i. Consider 6:00 start time for Sept 13.
  - b. Circulate

- i. PC letter
- ii. Notes
- iii. Polling
- iv. Agenda for next meeting