

Starksboro Energy Committee

Agenda

5:30 p.m. Monday August 6, 2018

Starksboro Town Clerk's Office

1. Attendees
 - a. Richard Faesy
 - b. Phil Mosenthal
 - c. Robert Turner
 - d. There was not a quorum, so no official votes were cast
2. Approve July 9 minutes
 - a. No quorum, so vote next month
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. Efficiency Vermont discussion with Paul Markowitz
 - a. Paul was not able to make the meeting and requested coming to the September meeting
 - b. September's meeting may not be the best time due to planning for the Forum, so we thought best to invite to the October
 - c. Topics to discuss:
 - i. Button Up
 - ii. Mobile Home Park Initiative
 - d. Hinesburg's Mobile Home Park project
 - i. Efficiency Vermont provided \$7500 and Hinesburg secured an additional \$3000 to provide audits and weatherization services to serve four homes
 - e. Include on list of projects at Starksboro Energy Forum and recruit leaders
 - f. RF: Ask Paul Markowitz to come to next meeting in September to talk about Button Up and mobile home initiative so that we can determine whether we should move forward
 - g. Talk to ACCT about possible role in recruiting mobile home participants
5. Town Plan Updates
 - a. No updates
6. Starksboro Energy Future Forum (Sept. 14)
 - a. Planning/logistics
 - i. Proceed as planned
 1. Confirm Megan as speaker
 2. Robert reserved Library
 3. Refreshments
 - a. Assign out on September 10
 4. Confirm time: 7:00?
 5. PowerPoint Projector needed
 - b. Promotion
 - i. Reminder in the next Gazette by 8/20

1. Ask Pete if he can edit and submit
 - ii. Sandwich board in front of Library
 1. Robert will check in to use Town's or Library's
 2. Put up a week before the event (9/10)
 - iii. Front Porch Forum reminders should be done by everyone
 - c. Gov's Climate Commission update
 - i. Finished and submitted final report to the Governor recently
 - ii. Commission will host a public meeting on 8/20
 - iii. Transportation will be focus
 - iv. Robert will provide a "hot off the press" update on 9/14
 - d. Robert will focus on what is meaningful to people in town and keep statewide politics to a minimum, but will provide an update on the Gov's meeting
 - e. Follow up from Forum
 - i. GMP maybe should be invited to follow up on transportation
7. Robinson School
- a. Energy Audit RFP status
 - i. No response back from the District or EVT yet
 - ii. RF: Follow up to ask what status is
 - b. Engagement with Robinson School staff for next school year
 - i. We need to loop back with Ruth Beecher and other teachers to let them know status once we know
8. Update on discussions with GMP
- a. Battery backup/micro grid for Town Buildings
 - i. Jeff and Richard talked with Josh Casteguy and Craig Fierreira, engineers from GMP
 - ii. GMP will loan Jeff a Sense monitor to try and disaggregate the loads from each building to come up with a plan for "islanding" critical loads in town buildings
 - iii. The existing solar panels are too far away to serve a local island, so maybe this would be a good opportunity to put solar on the vault building after re-roofing to feed an emergency battery
 - iv. Select Board discussion will take place once GMP comes up with a proposal and Jeff works through the details and options.
 - b. Three Phase Power Line Upgrades
 - i. If we have this in town, it may pull in some commercial development; do we really want this?
 - ii. Development could be planned around availability of the three phase
 - iii. But, it would enable solar development
 - iv. Jeff might have more information
9. Review next Gazette Energy Corner potential articles
- a. Promote 9/14 Energy Forum
 - b. Include agenda and remind people
 - c. See if Pete can update the article, enhance it and send out by 8/20 to Rebecca for the Gazette

- i. New info: Gov's Climate Commission report is now out and we will have a report update from Robert

10. Exploring alternative options

- a. Richard should report out at the public forum on these and gauge public interest:
 - i. Supporting the Town Plan
 - ii. Button Up
 - iii. Three phase power through the village
 - iv. Battery storage/islanding
 - v. Mobile Home Retrofit
 - vi. EV Charging Stations
 - vii. More Town Solar PV
 - viii. Solar development project with Green Lantern (Rebecca may have update?)
 - ix. Robinson School roof leasing for solar
 - x. All Power Labs wood chip generator (?)
 - xi. Landfill gas methane opportunities
 - xii. Pump storage (?)
 - xiii. Micro hydro
 - xiv. Firewood coop
 - 1. Pete has been working on researching
 - 2. Ripton and Lincoln have

11. Other business

- a. Addison County Regional Planning Commission Grant
 - i. Intent to bid needs to be submitted by 8/30, deadline 10/1 for application
 - ii. Consider reference to the Town Energy Plan
 - iii. Think about re-working of the old town garage site as Town Energy Center with a methane generator and firewood coop storage facility
 - iv. Committee members should weigh in if they are interested in pursuing
 - 1. Richard does not have time to lead this effort so someone else will need to
 - v. August 8 webinar for information; someone should attend

12. Next meeting & agenda items

- a. September 3 is Labor Day, so moved to 9/10 at 5:30
- b. Agenda items
 - i. Invite Paul Markowitz from EVT to discuss mobile home part support and Button Up
 - ii. Plan for 9/14 Forum
 - iii. ACRPC Planning Grant update
 - iv. Robinson School Audit
 - v. GMP Battery Storage