

## Joint Meeting between the Bristol and Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Wednesday March 6, 2019

Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol

1. Attendees
  - a. Starksboro Energy Committee (SEC) members:
    - i. Pete Antos-Ketcham
    - ii. Jeff Dunham
    - iii. Richard Faesy
  - b. Bristol Energy Committee (BEC) members:
    - i. Mike Corey
    - ii. Ian Albinson
    - iii. Sally Burrell
    - iv. John McCormick
    - v. Liston Freeman
2. Communication
  - a. Starksboro includes an Energy Corner in Starksboro's monthly Gazette as a way of communicating with townspeople
  - b. Bristol does not have a paper communication but is working on a website
3. EV Charging Station
  - a. Bristol started looking at an application, but never ended up submitting one due to the length of complexity
  - b. Starksboro and Hinesburg both applied but didn't get funded
  - c. The next round will be coming up in April and both towns plan to apply
4. Bristol Town Plan
  - a. The BEC Working on the Enhanced Energy Plan that will inform the Town Plan and become an appendix
  - b. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is helping out Bristol
5. Energy Forum
  - a. Bristol is thinking about planning a climate change forum
  - b. One idea is to bring in students to share their concerns about their future
6. Legislative updates
  - a. Engaging with our Representatives
    - i. We neglected to invite our representatives to this meeting as we were hoping to during their Town Meeting Day break
  - b. Legislation
    - i. Weatherization H.353
      1. Mari introduced
      2. This is one of 4 bills introduced and a carbon tax
        - a. None have co-sponsors
        - b. John McCormick sent out information to 120 town energy committees on the bill and seeing co-sponsors
        - c. SEC and BEC should send a letter to the House E Committee to urge chair to take up this bill for consideration



3. Found that air quality is better than anyone thought, which made the Administration happy
  4. This process has been a good trust-building exercise
  - ii. Next efforts
    1. Patrick stated in IAQ meeting that safety is next priority
    2. Energy would come in after safety after Patrick gains trust working with community groups
  - iii. March 16 Community Meeting
    1. The meeting is about creating bridges between community members and starting a dialogue to build trust
    2. We should introduce the Vergennes video on their performance contracting project on behalf of the SEC and BEC
      - a. We need to pitch that performance contracting is how we pay for safety and energy improvements
      - b. Open with the overview email that we sent to the school board members, then show the video
      - c. Ian will set up video
      - d. Richard should ask Liz Sayre for 10 minutes to introduce the video and performance contracting concept
      - e. RF should send the video and clear message out to all 5 Town energy committees
      - f. Need to continue to put pressure on the Administration
  - iv. How to engage the School Board and Administration?
    1. Get to them through the Board
  - v. Performance Contracting – EEI follow up
    1. EEI provided lots of materials in support of promoting performance contracting
    2. Offer to the School Board that they could come present
    3. There would be no obligations to use them
  - vi. School Audits
    1. These should all be bundled as part of any comprehensive performance contracting approach
8. Weatherization of local homes
- a. Button Up Campaign/Workshops
    - i. Starksboro’s workshop the other week. went well and pulled in a dozen people on a cold dark night, with some younger homeowners
    - ii. March 12 workshop in Bristol 7-8:30
      1. Remind David Keefe to bring the props
      2. Sally will coordinate with David Keefe to fine-tune the workshop
    - iii. Button Up Hero Workshop last fall
      1. 47 people signed up for contractor walk-through audits
      2. Pulled people in from the Harvest Festival
      3. Give-aways helped pull people in
  - b. Joint initiatives

- i. Mobile homes initiatives
    - 1. Both towns are interested in figuring out a solution to address mobile homes
    - 2. Discuss at a future joint meeting
  - ii. 5 town energy committees?
    - 1. Think about an annual gathering among all committees
    - 2. Think about technology for communication
    - 3. Ian will try to think about a web site presence that we can use to share information
  - iii. Next Bristol meeting
    - 1. March 20; third Wed of each month
  - iv. Meeting jointly May 15
- 9. Starksboro Caucus
  - a. Review next Gazette Energy Corner potential article(s)
    - i. March 20 deadline for April Gazette
    - ii. What is Performance Contracting and How can it Help pay for our school?
      - 1. RF write, take from email sent to School Board
  - b. Approve February 5 minutes
    - i. RF to make edits per Pete's
    - ii. Pete moved we accepted minutes with Pet's edits, Jeff seconded, approved
  - c. Next meeting – April 8 then May 6
    - i. Meet jointly May 15