

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday July 1, 2019

Starksboro Town Clerk's Office

1. Attendees
 - a. Richard Faesy
 - b. Jeff Dunham
 - c. Phil Mosenthal
 - d. Megan Nedzinski
2. Approve Minutes:
 - a. June 3 minutes
 - i. Megan moved, Phil seconded, unanimously approved
 - b. June 10 joint Five Town Energy Committee
 - i. Jeff moved, Phil seconded, unanimously approved
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. Joint Five-Town Energy Committees Meeting
 - a. Share Vergennes video
 - i. <https://vimeo.com/318878734>
 - b. Committee members felt the meeting was productive
 - c. Christopher Ross from Addison Independent reached out to Richard to research a future article on performance contracting
 - i. He mentioned that Caleb had asked Superintendent Reen what his position was on performance contracting as part of article
 - d. Phil will research School Board policies that are already in place that support energy efficiency
 - i. Phil will also look at VT Superintendent's Association policies
 - e. Richard should reach out to IAQ committee to ask David Brynn and Jim Northrup to explore opportunities to include performance contracting and/or energy improvements
 - i. Ask about status and report to share with SEC
 - f. Richard ask Caleb on status of School Board on Performance Contracting
 - g. Strategy forward could be based on benchmarking exercise
5. Initiatives
 - a. Current
 - i. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project
 1. Megan has started process and has questions to help move this process forward
 2. Starting with 7 Starksboro buildings
 3. Needs
 - a. Tool
 - i. ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager
 - b. Gather data on buildings

- i. Cheryl Estey is the best person to reach out to initially, or Amy McCormick

4. Steps

- a. Pick some initial buildings, in priority order:
 - i. Town Clerk building (have plans)
 - ii. Robinson School
 - iii. Old Town Office/Food Shelf/Pottery
 - iv. Library
 - v. First Responders building
 - vi. Town Garage
 - 1. Black River Design has buildings
 - vii. Jerusalem School House
- b. Determine Gross Floor Areas of each building
 - i. Use plans, some measuring
 - ii. Jeff will pull exterior dimensions
- c. Megan will start and report back next meeting, starting with the list above
 - i. Once she starts with one building, this will provide information to use for the subsequent buildings
 - ii. Megan will work with Cheryl and Celine to get information

ii. Town Clerk Office

1. Solar PV

- a. We had hoped to install batteries and solar, but the Select Board doesn't want to go this route for backup
- b. So, we are pursuing adding more solar to the existing solar system or developing a new system
 - i. Could only add to the old group up to a 5% increase
- c. Current solar production
 - i. 34,000 kWh/year produced
 - ii. All town buildings except for pottery/food shelf (and the post office, which is paid by USPS, is covered)
- d. AllEarth Renewables has submitted a Certificate of Public Good application (CPG) on behalf of the Town to the PUC
 - i. We have a year to decide
 - ii. Up to 15kW
 - iii. Norwich Solar could also potentially support us by working with a local investor
- e. Options
 - i. New solar group on a new meter
 - ii. Almost every building is fully covered now except the pottery
 - iii. We could add more buildings to the system, like the Meeting House

3. Additional Solar PV
 - a. Robinson School Roof
 - b. Community Solar
6. Review next Gazette Energy Corner potential article(s) status and timing
 - a. Article on charging station we won
 - i. Pull from application
 - ii. Ask Rebecca when article is needed
 - b. Benchmarking building
 - c. Legislative issues
 - d. Joint Energy Committee meeting and outcome
 - e. Richard to ask Rebecca Elder what the status of Gazette
7. Other business
8. Next meetings
 - a. August 5
 - i. Phil moved to cancel the August meeting, Megan seconded, unanimously approved
 - b. Future Joint Meetings
 - i. This was a good idea and was successful. We should do this again, but let's discuss in September
 - c. Move September meeting from Labor Day to Sept 9
 - i. Let Rebecca know and ask if building is available