

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday November 9, 2019

Starksboro Town Clerk's Office

1. Approve Minutes from November 4, 2019
2. Public Comments
3. Engaging Others in Town
4. Site Visit / Energy Audit of Village Meeting House and Preschool
5. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project
6. Solar PV
  - a. Proposals from AllEarth and Norwich Solar
  - b. Trackers grazing/trimming for 2020
7. Jerusalem Schoolhouse Renovation Project
8. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
9. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Plans for 2020
10. Legislative Priorities for 2020 session
  - a. Report from Nov. 22 Climate Solutions Caucus meeting at Vergennes UHS
11. Future Initiatives
  - a. Mt. Abe School District
    - i. Performance Contracting/EEI
    - ii. Robinson School Energy Audit status
  - b. Mobile Home Park Efforts
12. Review next Gazette Energy Corner potential article(s)
  - a. Benchmarking buildings
  - b. Legislative issues
  - c. EV Test Drive Event Report
13. Review Next Steps from Joint Five-Town Energy Committee in May
  - a. Caleb will request to get performance contracting (Mike Davey from EEI and Vergennes facilities manager) on a future School Board agenda
  - b. Energy Committees should research the School Board policy that is relevant to energy issues in order to encourage energy action; remind the Board of their responsibilities
  - c. Coordinate with the Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA)
  - d. Think about how to bundle energy improvements into any future school bond efforts, while considering performance contracting as a potential strategy to help with funding
  - e. Continue working with Patrick Reen to educate him on the importance of energy issues to help reduce our carbon footprint, provide cost savings and meet our energy goals.
  - f. Think about a strategy for moving forward, possibly starting with a single school (Robinson School?) as a pilot case study, but make sure to consider equity issues, then pitch as part of a master plan for all schools
  - g. Remind the Mt. Abe District of their January 2018 energy meeting promised next steps:
    - i. Energy benchmark all schools in the District (energy use in kBtu/square foot)
    - ii. Audit all schools
14. Other business
15. Next meeting