

Starksboro Energy Committee

5:30 p.m. Monday August 3, 2020

Virtual Teams Meeting

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Conference ID: 658 225 320#

1. Attendees
 - a. Jeff
 - b. Phil
 - c. Richard
 - d. Pete
2. Approve Minutes from July 6, 2020
 - a. Pete moved, Jeff seconded
 - b. Unanimously approved
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. Paul Webb (Lincoln) Dashboard Application
 - a. Jeff was to get energy release from the Town (Celine) to get information to pass on to GMP, so he just followed up
 - b. Paul sent back the following generic instructions to request the API key:
 - i. Make sure you have an account on GMP's website: <https://account.greenmountainpower.com/>
 - ii. With the account number and username, send an email to Jay.Williams@greenmountainpower.com, saying something like:
 1. "Hi Jay, Paul Webb is helping me analyze my electric usage and solar production. Could you please send me an API key for account #xxxxxxx, my username is xxxxxxxx"
 - iii. When he sends that to you, forward it to me along with copy of a recent bill.
 - c. This will provide a dashboard of Town solar accounts and usage for the town
 - i. Consider putting it up on the Starksboro Town Website?
 - d. Jeff will follow up
5. Benchmarking Town Buildings Project
 - a. Jeff checked the Fire Station #1 at the Gravel Pit for propane and saw no tanks there, so will confirm with Megan
 - b. At our next meeting when Megan is able to join:
 - i. Review ENERGY STAR Portfolio Inputs
 - ii. Compilation of results

- iii. Recommendations and next steps
- 6. Solar PV
 - a. Determine what to recommend
 - i. Need to finish benchmarking first
 - ii. Jerusalem Schoolhouse plans are up in the air
 - 1. Might just do the fire station first
 - 2. There is some question about compatibility of the site
 - iii. The only electricity we aren't paying for is the Pottery/Food Shelf
 - b. Plans for approaching Select Board
 - i. We should consider bundling the benchmarking results along with the solar recommendations in a single presentation to the Select Board
 - c. Trackers grazing/trimming for 2020 notice in FPF
 - i. Did not discuss
- 7. Update on review the zoning by-law to make sure it's in compliance with the energy section of the Town Plan
 - a. Richard will check with Andrew L'Roe at the ACRPC about whether our Energy Plan complies with the state standards for substantial deference
- 8. Starksboro Residents' House Weatherization Projects
 - a. Pete heard back from CVOEO
 - b. One project (LR) was considered "very expensive" for current budget, so on hold
 - c. Other project (BM) because it's a 2-unit building, is still on a 2-3 month hold
 - d. WAP is under-funded and projects are not proceeding
- 9. Button Up Campaign/Workshop Plans for 2020
 - a. Did not discuss
- 10. Other business
 - a. GMP has now made it easy to donate excess solar power credits to worthy non-profits
 - i. Look for letter from GMP
 - ii. Consider putting in Front Porch Forum
 - b. Wood bank has 5 cords split and stacked now
 - i. In the old town garage by the old town dump
 - ii. Pete bought 3 cords and stacked in addition to 2 left over from last year
 - iii. A sixth cord is being stored at a donor's house
- 11. Next meeting
 - a. Labor Day 9/7 5:30, unless it doesn't work for folks