

## September, 2021 Energy Committee Minutes

Gary called the meeting to order at 6:06, after some problems getting the door open. In attendance: Gary Dir, Susan Mills, Jeff and Kim Grout, and Maryann Zavez. The August minutes were approved, and the Vermont Climate Council meeting was added to the agenda.

### 1. Vermont Climate Council

Maryann and Susan presented the highlights from a zoom meeting they attended 2 days ago with Vanessa from 350VT and 6 other local people. This fall, the Vermont Climate Council is developing a plan for how we address the climate crisis and what our energy future will look like. They have scheduled 7 regional meetings, including one in Randolph on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, to gather ideas from citizens about what should be in the plan. On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a planning meeting at Ayers Brook Farm, from 3-5, and all are invited to attend. On Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 there will be a zoom meeting to plan for the planning meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The members of our committee decided that these meetings were our main priority right now, and we would like to write a statement from our committee to present on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Weatherization Workshop

Gary has arranged this workshop with Allen from Central Supplies for October 16<sup>th</sup>. This workshop is one of 5 Button-Up events across the state, and it is the second priority for our committee right now.

### 3. Energy Chapter of Town Plan

We are putting this on hold, until we see what comes out of the Vermont Climate Council meeting on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, we will take a look at some examples of energy plans from other towns, such as Dorset and Stowe.

### 4. Window Dressers

Although we voted to postpone this project until next year, there is an opportunity to get some training this year by attending a training in Strafford from Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Gary knows several people who are willing to be trained, and once they are trained, they can become team leaders for next year.

### \*\*Action Items

**Gary** will contact members of energy committees in Bethel, Rochester, and Northfield, and invite them to the Climate Council meetings on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Gary** will contact Becca White and get several possible dates for a zoom meeting to plan for the weatherization workshop.

**Susan and Maryann** will forward information to Gary and Jeff about the Climate Council meetings. They will also forward the link for the planning meeting on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

