

Minutes from the Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting, 11/10/22

Present: Ned Houston, Craig Taylor, Alan Turnbull, Vince O'Connell, Mabel Houghton, Christina An, Leo Circosta, Kevin Gregoire

- Craftsbury Public Library Solar and Battery Backup Project

- Project is a go! Will be incorporating a Heat Pump along with the Solar and Battery backup.
- Vince O'Connell appointed the Project Manager, Ned Houston, Assistant Project Manager.
- Select Board member, Susie Houston, shared that the \$10,000 ARPA funds should be available for the project very soon. Three other grant sources totalling another \$14,000 will also be processed and available soon to be able to start buying materials and related components.
- Ned will arrange the funds to go through the Library account and bookkeeper
- Timeline - hopefully the roof can be measured very soon in order to buy solar panels. Installation of the inverter, wiring, battery, and heat pump can happen as soon as they arrive. We will have to see what the roof conditions are like when the solar panels arrive this winter.
- Vince will employ the Vt. Law School's pro-bono writing of the Net Metering application to include the Food Pantry as a recipient of extra solar generation.
- Video documentation of the installation process emphasized.

- Municipal Energy Resilience Grant / Act 172, \$500,000 per town available for the next three years

- Investment into municipal buildings for Weatherization, heat pumps, and Solar Electricity
- Craig will present to the Select Board on Tuesday, 11/15 and get registered w/ the state program

- Process of registration with the state and Energy Audit may take time.
- Craig uncovered Energy Audits of Town buildings from 2010

- New congressional bill supporting supporting incentives for private Weatherization, Renewables, and Energy Saving Appliances - No new info

- WAP / NETO low income weatherization, etc.

- Mabel, Alan, and Kevin plan to set up an info table at the 11/19 Holiday Farmers Market and at Recycling on an upcoming Saturday. Hand out Eff. Vt. fliers also. Date is forthcoming.

- More fliers will be sent out in Thursday food pantry and Monday meal
- Get testimony and pictures from Craftsbury residents who have participated in the Weatherization Assistance Program and make a flier.

- Community Firewood Project

- 5 cords of split, stacked and covered firewood for winter reserve
- Kevin will still write a yearly Firewood summary needed for the firewood Donation by the Vt. State Parks and Rec.

- Window Insert Workshop Summary

- Insert Totals: Greensboro 107, Albany 77, Craftsbury 250!
- Total for three towns - 434 inserts in 8 1/2 days
- 29 Craftsbury households receiving inserts
- 100 free inserts to Craftsbury residents
- 50 plus Craftsbury volunteers volunteering multiple times!

- Alan and Christina to put together a marketing piece on success of the recent Insert Workshop along with CO2 and heating oil saved

- \$5,102 in grant funds that Craftsbury received for 2021 & 2022 has been sent to WindowDressers for the free inserts in those two years

- This included \$500 that the SB approved for 2021 and 2022
- Energize Vermont - Possible new grant source to cover more of the free inserts for 2022 - Alan will apply for it
- Vince to encourage HED to put a Key on their billings to make the bills self-explanatory

Next Scheduled Energy Committee Meeting Thursday, 12/15/22, 7 pm.