

Minutes for the Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting 4/20/23

Present: Ned, Craig, Christina, Alan, Mabel, Kevin, and 3 Zoom pranksters

Review Energy Committee Mitigation Actions in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) - Brian Machesney

- The Selectboard's [LHMP](#) working group is in the midst of the annual review.

Discussion - Action Items:

- Support efforts to distribute firewood to residents in need. - Doing this Spring and Fall, ongoing
- Make information available about low and no-cost weatherization opportunities, as well as lending programs. - Have done and continue to do through monthly fliers and info booth.
 - Will be more specific regarding weatherization and Renewable Energy loan offerings.
- Educate the public on keeping heating exhaust vents and Drain, Waste, Vents clear in the case of extreme snowfall. - Will do this in the beginning of Winter
- Make information available about DIY cooling strategies. - Accomplished last Summer and will do this again at the beginning of this summer.

- Marketing of Energy Info

- Regular posting on FPF and Fliers in the Food Pantry and Monday Meals have been happening
- Suggestion by Christina for mass mailing. Cost of which we would need to write a grant.
- Advertise that the Firewood Moisture Tester is available in the Library - Kevin
- Possible Info Table at Recycling Saturday - Mabel

- Community Firewood Project

- Firewood donation - Julia & Hugh Pritchard - Maybe one cord. Later summer see what is left
- Two Firewood Processing Bees in the beginning of May
- Sustainable Firewood Bank Model - Kevin is looking into
- Apply for Vt. Community Foundation grant to pay for Firewood deliveries - Kevin / Susie

- Craftsbury Library Solar & Battery Project - Ned - We have the Building Permit,

- Battery and Inverter hooked up, - Solar panels possibly going on in May or June!, - Hopefully cost over run from Engineering certification, etc. will be covered by the 30% rebate from the Fed. Govt.

- Municipal Energy Resilience Program ([MERP](#)) - Craig

- Amount of grant funds distributed on the basis of the overall town energy burden.
- Craftsbury is not in the highest energy burden category, but in the middle
- Long waiting process for initial assessment - Non-competitive \$4000 Grant is still pending

- Window Insert Program

- Lynn Flory is the winner of the drawing for 5 Free Inserts! There were 12 people
- Measuring of Windows coming up

- Waiting to see about 2023 Energize Vermont grant - Alan
- NEGEF Grow Grant - Christina - We might get \$2,400 - \$3,000 of the \$4000 application
- Window Insert media piece - Wait to see what our insert numbers are after the drawing - Alan
- We will go ahead and apply for a Vt. Community Foundation Grant - Kevin/Susie
- COC workshop dates - Tentative 10/13 - 10/26 - Kevin is verifying
- Questions on flow of the CEC grant money, current balance - No news - Craig

- Energy Committee Mission Statement - Alan & Christina - Next meeting with more members

- GM Free EV Chargers - Craig - No news.

- Efficiency Vt. BBD Conference - April 5th & 6th - Kevin, Craig Very informative conference. Biggest knowledge is regarding the “freon” in Heat Pumps to be eliminated. Old equipment will not be able to accommodate the new freon replacement. With the manufacturing of old freon outlawed, cost of old freon probably

- Potential 5th Semi Annual Sustainable Energy Fair

- Consensus has been to host it but we would need a Coordinator / Co-Coordinators

- \$1000 Grant from VEC possibility

- Status/ effects of the Affordable Heat Act - Has passed the Senate

Next scheduled Energy Committee Meeting Thursday, 5/18/23, 7 pm.