

Minutes from the Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting, Thur., 8/17/23

Present: Alan Turnbull, Craig Taylor, Christian An, Ian Nelson, Susan Frey, Kevin Gregoire

Welcome newEnergy Committee members Susan Frey and Jamie Milholland!

- Marketing of Energy Info

- Idea - Give away free Home Energy Audits - Follow-up info on previous winners - Kevin
- Possible Workshop in October w/ Blower Door and Infrared Gun - Craig's home?
- Sense Electric is a Home program to monitor electricity that might be of interest to home owners
- Sept. 2, Farmers Market info table - Kevin will set up

- Community Firewood Project

- 16 Households delivered, 1 household left to deliver
- Sterling All College Work Day, Wed., 8/30, 10 students (Split and stack wood for the Winter)
- Conservation Committee surveying ash trees on Town road easements - Ned

- Craftsbury Library Solar & Battery Project - Vince & Ned

- Original Battery is working, despite basement flooding. With concern that it was non-operable, funding arrived to buy a 2nd battery the same size - 9 kWh. Now we have two batteries!
- Web site is now online to allow the Public to view energy production
- 30 percent rebate from the Fed. Govt.- Ned

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

- The first hour of our September meeting will be dedicated to talking with Greensboro about a possible Grant collaboration for a presentation
 - Ideas initially - a panel of experts to present on various Climate & Energy Eff. aspects
 - Greensboro folks lean towards a "Big Name" person to attract attention (Bill McKibben?)
- Some on our committee initially expressed a need for more practical, hands-on workshop(s).
- Walk-through detailing of Town Buildings does not need to be elaborate, according to NVDA

- Window Insert Program

- Vt. Community Foundation - \$1,500 grant for Firewood and Inserts
 - VEC Grant - \$1,000 grant for Firewood and Inserts
 - NEGEF Grant - \$4,000 grant for Window Insert and related expenses
 - \$6,500 total grants received - [\\$6,207 Insert and Firewood Budget - 2023](#)
- We will be measuring the last 4 -5 households the beginning of Sept. - Kevin to organize
- Insert Measuring deadline is 9/28, last day to submit Insert info and checks

- Thermal Camera purchase needs to happen soon - [Flir brand](#) or [Seek brand](#)
- Websites for the two Town Arrays
- Will put on FPF the link to the Town and Library Solar Production websites - Kevin
- \$7M statewide EV Charging Station Incentives - [ACCD](#) or [DriveElectric VT](#) - Vince
- Bill Chidsey from Hardwick Energy Committee will be hosting a Air-to-Water Heat pump, 2-part installation workshop on Sept. 5th and Sept. 19th. [More info here.](#)

Next scheduled Energy Committee Meeting Thursday, 9/21/23, 7 pm.