

Minutes January 16, 2020  
Craftsbury Energy Committee

Attending: Matt Moody, Paula Davison, Kathryn Prentice, Hannah Dreissigacker, Mabel Houghton, Kevin Gregoire, and Lisa Sammet

1. Town Report 2019 Article was finished, shared and sent to the Town Auditors
2. Town Comprehensive Energy Plan is to be approved by the Select Board.
3. Town Hall weatherization project
  - Discussion around asking for some of the Green Mtn. Power “Good neighbor fund’ which will mean waiting until after Town Meeting or doing it now
  - Kevin will look at the cost of materials and submit a proposal to the Select Board to do the work now. He thinks it may cost around \$500.
4. Window Insert Project 2020
  - Do workshop after Oct. 15th at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (COC)
  - Need to make a minimum of 225 (which can combine with Greensboro and maybe Westmore)
  - The Maine WindowDressers.org want to pair Westmore or Westfield with us as they wouldn’t have enough people on their own
  - Glover will do their workshop with Sutton
  - Kevin has a couple of inserts to use as a demo
  - Need to do publicity
  - Measurements are needed 7 to 10 days before the materials are picked up
  - Discussion on how to select families that need/want the inserts
  - Low-income families can qualify for 10 free inserts
  - Prioritize low-income. If people drop out, then others can get more than 10
  - 3 ft by 3 ft costa \$35-\$40 dollars. Need to get 2020 pricing
  - In 2019 Efficiency VT (EVT) gave rebates. Kevin will look into whether there will be rebates from EVT in 2020
  - Paula Davison (the new Library Director at the Greensboro Library) and her husband, Matt Moody have noted that the library is a good candidate for inserts. She will bring it to their Board of Trustees. It would be a great place for advertising to the public. The comfort and cost-savings can be tracked.
  - Everyone felt that we should get as many people signed up and measured in the winter/early spring and as for half the cost as a deposit. Then do another round of sign-ups in early September
  - Advertise this spring and a Town Meeting
  - Advertise benefits for low-income families and that there will be a sliding scale. Molly Brandt from Greensboro has set up a good scale. Kevin will contact her
  - Energize VT gave grant money in 2019. Will they do this again. Kevin will explore this
  - Thetford got grants from local banks and the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. Lisa will look into this.
  - Need to get testimonials from people who got them in 2019. Margie Ramsdell would be good. Hannah and Mabel will go interview her and get photos.
  - Kevin and Paula will work on an article for the Craftsbury Gazette section of the Hardwick Gazette.

- Hannah will make flyers
- Who will coordinate this?
- Hannah will set up a Google Doc Spreadsheet to keep track of families signing up for inserts
- Need to set up dates for taking measurements, not just random times
- Kevin will serve as the contact name

#### 5. Church on the Common

- Hannah reported that they thought they had an audit but did not seem much interested in doing any work other than a programmable thermostat
- Hannah sent them a link to EVT which may have ways to help them
- What about the East Craftsbury Church? They have the Saplings preschool in their cellar. Paula will pass the idea on to Kristin Urie and give her info about Interfaith Power and Light

#### 6. Hazardous Waste Recycling Day for Craftsbury

- Scheduled by the Lamoille Solid Waste District for June 13<sup>th</sup>, Kathryn has been working to get this done. The first one in many years in Craftsbury.
- LSWD would like help advertising this

#### 7. Efficiency VT Conference Feb 5-6

- Kevin, Matt and Kathryn are going to attend (Maybe not all but at least part of it)

#### 8. NEK Day at the VT Statehouse on January 28. Katherine Sims and Ann Kehler will have a table

- Kevin will attend
- Good place to advertise the window inserts

#### 9. Next meeting: Plan for Town Meeting, spring and WindowDressers

Next meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7 PM at the Craftsbury Public Library

Minutes by Lisa Sammet

#### TASKS:

##### Kevin

- Will bring demo inserts to Craftsbury Library and to Paula for Greensboro Library
- Look in EVT 2020 rebates for window inserts
- Work on article for the Craftsbury Gazette with Paula about the WindowInserts
- Look into grants from Energize VT for window inserts
- Contact Molly Brandt for sliding scale for window inserts

##### Mabel and Hannah

- Interview Margie Ramsdell about her window inserts and get photos for the Gazette article and other advertising

##### Hannah

- Make flyers for Window Inserts
- Make spreadsheet to track names of families who want them
- Will bring her computer to the next meeting to give a demo of Google Docs

##### Paula

- Will set up window inserts displays at the Craftsbury Library and Greensboro Library
- Work with Kevin on article for the Craftsbury Gazette
- Contact Kristin Urie about the church doing an energy audit

Lisa

- Will research grants from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund