

Craftsbury Energy Committee

Minutes: Dec. 20, 2020

Attending via ZOOM: Ned Houston, Kevin Gregoire, Hannah Dreissigacker, Matt Moody, Mabel Houghton, Lisa Sammet, Paula Davidson

1. VPR Report on problems with the electric grid in the Northeast Kingdom. After January, once the legislature is back in session, we should push the legislature to make grid improvements so all the renewables can be used. Use newspapers and Front Porch Forum to get people to write our legislators to get them to see that this is important. Could also contact the Vermont Climate Council required by the new the Global Warming Solutions Act passed this last session.

2. Firewood Project:

- Should we continue this project in 2021?
- Forester Jared Nunnery- we should work with him to find sources for wood from state forests
- A good project but needs many volunteers
- Go forward with figuring out how to do this in 2021

3. Window Dressers Project

- Was delayed in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic
- We need to see how far our community has gotten in getting vaccinated before we can feel comfortable in going into people's houses to do measuring
- Need to also see what Window Dressers are recommending for 2021
- Should we look for another grant to help? New England Grassroots Environmental Fund (NEGEF)? Vermont Community Foundation (VCF)?
- Hannah is living in Albany now. What about getting people involved who live in Albany?
- It will be easier than the first time CEC did this project as we intend to build the inserts in Craftsbury
- People will not have to drive far to volunteer
- NEGEF would like us to find a better plan to involve more low-income people to get the inserts

4. Figure out a way to do an online film series followed by a discussion during the winter months

- Suggestion to work with WonderArts (Now called the Rural Arts Collaborative)
- Kevin and Mabel will look into this.

Next meeting: Sometime in January

Minutes by Lisa Sammet