Craftsbury Energy Committee Minutes: March 17, 2022

Attending: Kevin Gregoire, Sten Seemann, Mabel Houghton, Jen Forbes, Alan Turnbull, Vince O'Connell, Bill Chidsey

Welcome to COC athlete, Jen Forbes, a new Energy Committee member!

- 1. Town Hall Weatherization
 - Craig wasn't present to update us
- 2. Firewood Project
 - 10 11 cords of log-length wood for this Spring processing
 - Columbia Forest Products cut ends are available for us, and potentially will deliver
 - Columbia Forest will deliver to common when things dry out
 - Jared Nunery possible couple truck loads
 - Apply for Grant to pay for delivery of firewood for those who cannot haul it themselves - Kevin will talk to Susie Houston about the grant
 - Firewood Processing Bee after April 15th which Kevin will organize
- 3. Window Insert Program:

- Workshop dates at the COC with WD Jigs: Friday, 10/21 - Sat., 10/29, but we will hopefully start building frames 3 days prior on 10/18.

- Albany and Greensboro will run their workshop at the same time as ours at the COC for maximum number of people at the Workshop

- The three towns total 400 inserts in 9 12 days.
- Encouraged to help Glover with their Workshop right after ours.
- 95 inserts committed so far. 4 other households interested
- If by spring we don't have 175
 - Window Dressers is expecting us to have 250 inserts and have more rules we need to follow so we can have the Window Dresser jigs for longer
 - Then open it up to out-of-town folks?
- Flyers were put in Food Pantry bags
- Or, another offering in the fall when it starts to get cold. If we do, we'll easily get to 250
- Free Insert requests are low right now, maybe 15 free inserts.
 - Marketing to low-income households
 - Food Shelf Fliers
 - Door-to-door
 - Table at Recycle with display. Lisa will do this. Need a model insert to display
 - Genny Porch
 - FPF

- Jen will talk to Kevin about ways to advertise this more, she'll also talk with Hannah Dreissigacker, about it. She'll find out from Kevin when in the spring we need the numbers. Alan will also work on marketing.

- Measuring late April or May? Preference for time-period?
- Apply for another 2022 grant once we know the numbers of free inserts?

- Would this be in order to offer more free inserts

- Discussion of future where Craftsbury gets its own equipment to do inserts

- Volunteering for <u>Window Insert Team Positions</u>: Please look over and commit where you can at this time: Since Ned and Matt aren't at this meeting we will table it until next meeting.

- 4. Low Income Home Weatherization
 - Fliers in Food Shelf deliveries.
 - Door-to-door. Could be done in conjunction with promoting the Window Inserts
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5. Micro Grid update - Vince

- Vince will attend HED Board Meeting presentation on 3/22 at 5 pm
 - He sent HED the info in advance
- HED Craftsbury Microgrid Project info Google Docs
- Application for a grant for this project
- Vince is applying for grants and Congressionally Directed Funding
- Vince presented to the Select Board, Town Planning Commission, School Board
- Probably would need to talk to the Trustees of the Academy who own the building

6. <u>Efficiency Vt's Better Buildings By Design annual in-person conference</u>, this been moved to April 27 and 28

Next Craftsbury Energy Committee meeting: Thursday, 4/14//22 - 7 pm.