

12/16/21 Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Members present: Ned Houston, Mabel Houghton, Sten Seeman, Craig Taylor, Catherine Cusack, Alan Turnbull, Kevin Gregoire; - Craftsbury public representation: Vince O'Connell, Amelia Fritz; Bill Chidsey, Hardwick Energy Coordinator; Allie Webster, NVDA

- Discussion with Allie Webster, NVDA Energy Planner - Allie will research how the ARPA funds could be used for energy efforts and how NEK towns might pool these funds in a collaborative, if at all, more strategic way.

She will also keep us informed as to what other Energy Committees are doing for reference and ideas.

- Estimates for two roof-mount solar arrays on smaller Town Garage sheds
There are cost challenges with the probable replacement of one roof and expensive trenching for an underground electric line.

Kevin will continue to get different solar estimates for the different options including the potential for a ground-mount array on private land.

Vince O'Connell shared his ideas and knowledge of a Micro-grid system with a large battery that would potentially eliminate the need to add more solar. Vince will look into the application, logistics, cost, and potential outside funding and present to the committee members.

Formal proposal for an article at the Town Meeting in March is due to the Town Select Board by 1/14/21

- Town Hall Weatherization

Craig will order pipe insulation for the boiler pipes in the Town Hall basement.

Kevin will get estimates for installing drainage on the East side of Town Hall.

Kevin will also continue to get estimates for spray foam air sealing and insulation in the Town Hall basement and crawl space of the Town Clerk's office.

- Window Insert sign-ups for 2022 Program:

4 Households Committed / 4 interested

Emphasize benefits during the winter and continue to get sign-ups

- [Efficiency Vt's Better Buildings By Design annual in-person conference](#), 2/1 - 2/2/22

There is discounted registration fee for Energy Committee members

Proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of conference is required

- Craftsbury Energy Committee's 2021 program summary needed for the Town Report

- Next Craftsbury Energy Committee meeting: Tuesday, 1/20/22 - 7 pm.