

Craftsbury Energy Committee Minutes - 3/21/21

Members present: Ned Houston, Kevin Gregoire, Hannah Dreissigacker, Susie Houston - Selectboard liaison. Guests: Albany Planning Commission / Energy Committee: Ed O'Leary, Rob Dewees

Greensboro, Albany and Craftsbury plan to combine this year for the Window Dressers Window Insert Program. Individual towns will be measuring the households in their town and collaborate with info support and an assembly workshop, (Community Workshop, or "Build") in the fall.

Hannah will be working with the Albany crew this year on their WD Insert Project

Goals for number of inserts in 2021: Craftsbury 150, Greensboro - 125 w/ 20 households, Albany, 75 - 100

Measurement timing / Submittal of Data to WD / Community Workshop in the fall:

- Measuring is suggested by WD to happen in the summer. See below for WD recommendations, requests, and parameters.
- If WD does not hold a Measuring Workshop in Vt. this summer. Craftsbury will help train the Albany crew, if needed.
- Craftsbury found in 2019 that household members were on summer vacation up until mid August, so we will be scheduling households for window measurements from that point on. It is estimated that it will take a few weeks.
- Once data is submitted, Window Dressers needs 2 weeks turn-around time to make the frames. Thus, if the three towns are combined into one workshop venue, as WD would want the earliest a Community Workshop could happen is the last part of part of Sept.
- With all of the material and jigs that need to be passed on from one Community Workshop to another we will probably need to coordinate with Glover as to when our workshop will be. Kevin will inquire.
- It is uncertain whether the Craftsbury Outdoor Center may have space to host a Community Workshop. Hannah will check into it. Her suggestion was to have a backup venue in case it didn't work out. Ed and Rod thought the Albany Town Hall could be available as a backup. They will check into that.

Grant Funding

There was talk re the pros and cons of applying for one big grant for the 3 towns or each town applying separately.

Susie Houston will find out more re. if there are advantages of one large grant. She will also apply for a grant at least for Craftsbury. Kevin will get a Craftsbury \$ amount to her.

Hannah will look into NEGEF to see if last year's application is a simple route for a grant application.

Anna stated in an email that she will be applying for a Spark Grant through Vt. Community Foundation.

Anna, have you applied already? If so, how much are you applying for?

Kevin

- will send Albany crew info about measuring and all other WD info
- Will contact Eff. Vt. to see if there are incentives in 2021 from them for Window Insert construction

- will contact WD to see if there are going to be any Measurement Training Workshops in Vt. this summer for Albany to participate.
- will send to Suzie Houston the amount that Craftsbury will need for a Grant request.
- will check with Glover as to when their Community Workshop will happen and contact WD to see if we would be required to have our Community Workshop before or after Glover's.

Hannah

- will contact NEGEF to get info on grant writing process.
- will check with COC re. availability of a building in the fall for a Workshop for two weeks.

Here are requirements, suggestions from Window Dressers:

- Outreach should begin as soon as possible to build our list of clients while the weather is still cold. I will be in touch next week with more resources to help you with this effort.
- For the 2021 Season, all measuring volunteers must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
- Until further notice, all measuring volunteers must wear masks while inside clients' homes.
- WindowDressers volunteers are not to ask clients about the clients' vaccination status.
- Measuring will be delayed until summer when vaccination rates are higher and less Covid is circulating.
- WindowDressers will develop Covid-safety protocols for Community Builds by the end of August, based on the best research and public health guidance available at that time.
- The Build season will end a bit earlier this year with the bulk of Builds held in October and November. I would like to have all Community Builds completed by Thanksgiving to minimize any possible risks from a post-holiday bump in cases. First, we don't want to be a spreader. Second, we don't want to risk our Builds being canceled by a state-ordered shutdown.