

Vershire Town Energy Committee  
Minutes of meeting 7.13.21

Present: David Hooke, Pat Barnes, Neil Hochstedler,  
Via Zoom: Andy Wasserman, Justin Will, Richard Jayne

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

Minutes of last meeting moved to be accepted, seconded, unanimously approved.

Discussion of learning points from last month's meeting with Bob Walker.

Committee Mission Statement Draft: Justin introduced his model built around "smart goals."

- Discussion of language of "net zero" versus "net zero, or less."
- Preamble sentence..."In order to meet the community's goal of reducing carbon emissions the town of Vershire created the Town Energy Committee."
- How to structure a statement that includes carbon reduction while not alienating those who are skeptical of anthropomorphic climate change.
- Suggestion to frame the goals in the mission statement in terms of cost reduction to the town and taxpayers.

Discussion to adopt the draft mission statement as proposed as an internal guiding document. "Achieve the Vershire community goal of Net Zero emissions by 2030, to include all emissions originating from within town limits and such that they are either reduced or offset until the net balance is zero or less." Moved, seconded, and unanimously accepted

Discussion of Town Energy Survey proposal

- Pat will research survey monkey
- David will make final edits to the survey and coordinate a folding and stuffing effort to get this sent out as soon as possible.

Allie Lyford has expressed willingness to make the new town garage as energy sufficient as possible.

Pat will ask if VFD would be interested in an energy audit of their station.

Discussion of Town Office and Town Center having a new energy audit performed. How and when to perform these audits to be taken up at next meeting.

Window Dressers update: Nine. people signed up for inserts at Vershire day and measurer's workshop to be held in early August

Next meeting: August 10, 2021

Movement to adjourn at 8:45, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Barnes July 13, 2021