

Vershire Town Energy Committee  
Meeting August 10, 2021

Present: David Hooke, Neil Hochstetler, Richard Jayne, Pat Barnes, Justin Will (via Zoom), Andy Wasserman (via Zoom)

Minutes of July 13th meeting accepted.

Energy survey on hold until link to on-line survey is available on town website. Suggestion to make a list-serve announcement that the paper survey is coming in the mail and provide the link for the on-line survey. Pat will post the list-serve announcement.

Vershire Municipal Building energy analysis:

Fire Department has not yet been contacted; Pat will follow up.

Questions about proposed town garage heating options; radiant floor driven by heat pump(s) were suggested. David, Neil, and Richard will reach out to their connections to explore engineering options. David will contact Ken Bushy about liaising with the town garage committee and the select board.

The Town Office building baseboard electric heat but limited insulation dating to early 1970's. This building would be an excellent candidate for system upgrade.

Town Center Building: sills were foamed, IR scan showed deterioration of extant foam insulation (urea-formaldehyde) removal of such was quoted at ~\$30,000. A propane boiler is the current heat source.

There was discussion about a municipal solar field located at town garage. The selectboard will need to give approval for an investigation of such a facility. Such a facility could provide electricity for municipal buildings with excess capacity sold to residents at attractive rates. David will contact Ken Bushy to discuss. Andy will investigate what other towns are doing with respect to municipally led solar field development.

Website: town energy committee has yet no presence. The town clerk is the gatekeeper. To prevent over burdening the town clerk, it could be possible for the energy committee to have a link on the town's website which would connect to a separate site for resources offered by the Town Energy Committee. Justin has offered to curate such an autonomous website. David will ask selectboard for approval.

It was acknowledged that grant funding opportunities and appropriate projects: there are monies available for projects.

Window Dressers: There 100-ish inserts planned for Vershire; measuring practice planned for late August; November 3rd build workshop for Vershire inserts. Neil is leading this effort.

Next meeting first Wednesday September 1. Thereafter, first Wednesdays of the month for meetings. Pat will announce via list-serve.

Move to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Barnes, secretary