

Vershire Town Energy Committee

October 13, 2021

Present: David Hooke, Richard Jayne

Via zoom: Justin Will, Andy Wasserman, Pat Barnes

Minutes from September 1, 2021; accepted.

Report from survey results. Big picture: Most affinity for community procurement, tax reduction followed by solar power and forest/land management. Discussion of results and their implications.

Action item: Justin will create a listserv post to acknowledge and summarize the survey results.

Town Garage review. The selectboard has offered to have a meeting with James Coe of Coe and Coe to entertain questions concerning the energy efficiency of the garage design. Meeting on 10.27 at 6:00 pm questions requested by 10.23. **Action item:** David will circulate his draft of questions for committee feedback. The questions will then be shared with townspeople for feedback prior to the 10.23 deadline. Pat will share the questions via the listserv and field the feedback.

Town Building energy audit proposals. A proposal from BVH was reviewed. **Action item:** Andy will compare what would be available from other sources such as Efficiency Vermont.

Website. Justin is working with Gene Craft to gain access. He is researching techniques used by other towns to choose the best for our situation. **Action item:** Justin will continue site development.

Efficiency Vermont Energy audits. Andy reported on her experience with the online energy audit.

Action item: Andy will write a story for the town newsletter describing her experience and encouraging townspeople to avail themselves of the service. Andy will ask Efficiency Vermont for data about how many audits have been performed in Vershire.

Window Dressers. Vershire measurements are nearly complete. Assembly will commence in early November.

Solar Field on Town Garage property. Community solar (townspeople have a share) and municipal production (specifically for town uses) are not easily compatible. However, the two could be operated in parallel fashion at the Town garage site. **Action item:** David will continue to do research projects and investigate federal incentives.

Vital Communities. Community effort to assist residents in trailer housing to tighten-up their homes in preparation for winter. Vital Communities does not offer financing directly but can help homeowner access a myriad of funding through Efficiency Vermont. **Action item:** Pat will share this information through a listserv posting.

Sequencing of listserv announcements: 1. Distillation of Energy Survey (Sunday) 2. Town Garage efficiency questions (Monday) 3. Vital Communities (Tuesday)

Other business. **Action item:** Richard will research funding opportunities for energy audits and the requirements for Park & Ride facilities.

Andy's question for next time: What are the projects that we will work on in the next six months?

Next meeting: November 3, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Barnes 10.13.21