

Vershire Town Energy Committee  
November 10, 2021

Present: David Hooke, Richard Jayne, Pat Barnes, Neil Hochstedler

Minutes from October 10, 2021; accepted.

Town Garage energy review – air to water heat pump to heat slab with a robust thermal envelope. Engineer (James Coe) is pursuing an energy analysis to better understand the energy dynamics of the building. Discussion of Solar PV locations at site. Discussion of backup heating/electrical sources.

Energy Survey results and next steps.

Strategies for tax reduction: **Action Item**—Pat will research and write-up a report (for town newsletter?) state of incentives for timberland owners.

“Community procurement” **Action Item**—Ask Peet Pearson to reach out to Vershare about cooperative buying (Pat)

Solar-electric production: Discussion of hosting an “Energy Fair” featuring resources that run from DIY to professional installation on Vershire Day. **Action item**—David will inquire with Selectboard about the viability of combining the fair with Vershire Day.

Town building energy audit proposals. Funding sources for audits appears difficult to acquire. **Action Item**—Pat will contact Vital Communities to see if they have any suggestions for audit funding. **Action Item**—Proposal to SB to spend ARPA dollars on town building energy audits (David). Pat will contact Andy Wasserman to see if she has any further information about audits.

Window Dressers. 1 week, 190 inserts built for homes in Vershire, Corinth, Bradford, West Fairlee. An estimated 2-10 gallons of heating oil saved per window per season (Maine.) Perhaps a re-configuration of organizing town units. The Window Dressers organization is highly organized and highly structured. Administrative time among the town coordinators could be streamlined **Action Item**—ask Peet Pearson to write a reflection on the process as an enticement to future projects (Neil will request). Neil will also write a list serve synopsis of the project.

Web Site. Tabled for next month and Justin’s return.

Solar Field on Town Garage property - next steps in view of garage design, sizing based on town facility needs. Awaiting estimations of energy needs.

Other business: Discussion of Park-n-Ride requirements and possibilities of hosting a facility in town. Currently, the VT route 113 corridor is underserved. Action item—Richard will continue research parking and public transit options for our area.

Next meeting: December 1, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Barnes 11.10.21

