

Minutes Craftsbury Energy Committee 11-15-2018

Present: Jim Flint, Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire, Mabel Houghton, Ned Houston, Anna Kehler

1. Town Garage Project update: A contract for the electrical work has signed and work should get under way soon. Floor drainage has been worked on. Glover has installed dehumidifiers but they did use a lot of electricity. We will try the fan and see if that is helpful.

2. DIY workshop. Good attendance and good reports. About 30 people overall including 10 energy committee people from three towns. Jim Flint was dismayed but pleased to find out that all foam on walls must be painted or covered. He is checking into what the protocols were several years ago when weatherization work was being done by various contractors. CEC should post latest info about this on FPF so people know and perhaps can get the painting done if needed. Mark Schneider is a good contact and had brought up the need for this in his talk.

3. VOREC Grant update: Recreation Grant application is being made for Craftsbury. Funds for paying a grant writer have been found. A local grant team will work on the proposal. Other grants are being considered for the future as well.

4. CEC program ideas: A. Dec. 5- Lamoille County Solid Waste presentation: “Demystifying Waste”, CEC will help with publicity; B. Jan. program on either 1-9 or 1-23. Film or EVT Modular Home Button-Up on Jan 23?? ; C. Feb. 20- Healthy Home Program from Efficiency VT; D. March 20—Home tours at Anna’s and Mark’s, on a Saturday afternoon and hosted by Greensboro Committee, CEC would co-host; E. April 17—Craftsbury Biennial Energy Fair! Other ideas are the EVT Modular/ Mobile Home Button-Up program.

5. Revisit Town Energy Plan Action Steps:

a. Energy use data from before and after priority weatherization work was done in 2017 at Elem. School. NH will gather; Electricity data that has been generated on the Tracker and Salt Shed arrays. KG will do. This info will be included in the CEC Annual Report for the Town Report. Deadline is Jan. 15, ‘19.

b. Idea to mail out energy info. as an insert e.g. energy efficiency materials, with a town-wide mailing such as the Town Reports to be distributed to all taxpayers. AF will research this.

c. EV Charging Station. Anna has done research on this and there are many hurdles for the grant. She and Lisa will continue to investigate. HED may be considering an installation in Town which would be great and they can help with the challenges.

d. Anna will post Energy Saving Tips every two weeks on FPF for Greensboro and Craftsbury.

e. Mabel will research and place a town bulk order of LED bulbs for CEC to sell locally.

6. Other: Glover Energy Committee is building 160 window inserts for 26 homes in their town with the DIY Maine Window Dressers project. Workshops for putting the pieces together will happen in Jan. Volunteers could be helpful.

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