

01.19.26

SUTTON ENERGY COMMITTEE: MEETING MINUTES

1. MEETING

- A. Convened @ 6:30pm, Sutton Fire Station
- B. Present: Dana Patoine, Kirsten Nelson, Scott Cunningham

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes approved.

3. TOWN PLAN

- A. Survey for the town. Energy is a part of the plan. questions to answer. The intent is to create goals for the town plan that are realistic, attainable and measurable. Maybe we can discuss at the meeting.

- i. Renewable Energy Siting & Community Standards

- 1. *Do you support the development of small-scale renewable energy installations (solar, wind, hydro) in Sutton when they meet the siting standards outlined in the Town Plan's Energy Section?*

- a. *Strongly support*
 - b. *Support*
 - c. *Oppose*
 - d. *Strongly oppose*

- ii. Household Energy Efficiency

- 1. *How likely are you to participate in home weatherization or energy-efficiency programs if the town provides more information, workshops, or incentives?*

- a. *Very likely*
 - b. *Somewhat likely*
 - c. *Not very likely*
 - d. *Not likely at all*

- B. Here are THE goals from the current town plan.

- i. Goals

- 1. *To encourage the efficient use of energy and the acquisition and development of residential-scale renewable energy resources at least cost.*

2. *Achieve community awareness about the available resources and ongoing activities in energy efficiency and to encourage further participation.*
3. *Promote energy conservation and weatherization activities at the household and municipal*
4. *level.*
5. *To encourage development patterns that result in efficient use of land and related energy*
6. *costs.*
7. *Develop municipal renewable energy siting standards that limit adverse impacts.*
8. *Conform to State of Vermont “substantial deference” criteria detailed in Act 174.*

C. Objectives of Sutton Energy Committee Charter

- i. Seek means to reduce energy use and increase energy efficiency savings.
- ii. Support awareness, appropriate siting, and use of renewable energy within the Town of Sutton.
- iii. Establish metrics and develop baseline data points followed by measurable objectives in regard to energy use within the town.
- iv. Meet objectives contained within the Sutton Energy Plan.
- v. Contribute to the goals contained within the Sutton Town Plan.
- vi. Research grant and funding opportunities to fund these projects. Projects will be evaluated on the basis of cost and long-term financial benefit to the town.
- vii. Engage the community in fulfilling the tasks set forth by the Energy Committee,
including an educational and outreach component in conjunction with the Sutton School.
- viii. Network with other town energy committees, NVDA, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and others to leverage communication of ideas and programs for the benefit of Sutton residents.

4. Act 174

- A. Discussed digging further into this and how it could possibly affect the town.

5. SURVEY

- A. Dana sending prior survey to Scott
- B. Working on building upcoming survey – Keep it under 5 Minutes
 - i. How?
 - ii. What?
 - iii. Estimates

6. TRUSS UPDATE

- A. Dana has new update for structural engineer contact. – Ricky McLain
 - i. Dana to send email to engineer
 - ii. Dana would like to take a look at existing truss structure

7. MERP REPORT FOR 4TH QUARTER NEEDS TO BE FILED PRIOR TO 1/31/26

8. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CLEARED

- A. Dana met with Dave Goodwin
 - i. Gave the go ahead to continue

9. MERP UPDATE

- A. Dana to file quarterly report prior to January 31, 2026
- B. Exploring options to purchase energy efficient appliances for the Town Hall

10. GENERAL CONTRACTOR UPDATE:

- A. Dana to get updates from GC
- B. Need to schedule meeting with Three Tree Performance Power – Energy Recovery (Ventilation)

11. TOWN MEETING DAY –

- A. Energy Usage Monitoring Devices are in for Town Meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.