

Sutton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Attendance: Rich Nicol, Donna Nicol, Dana Patoine, Gidget Dotey, Darlene Ahrens

The minutes for the September meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

A. Discussion concerning increasing the solar capacity at the fire department to offset usage at the Town Office.

Steps to be taken:

1. Verify the functionality of the present system;
2. Install a monitoring device to continue to monitor output, approximately \$600;
3. Research cost of increasing capability. It would be two parallel systems as things have changed since the first installation;
4. Obtain approval from the fire department and the select board.

Dana and Rich will work on a proposal including the energy generation goal, cost and possible funding assistance. A presentation will be made to the select board in November or December, in time for budget preparations. Dana noted that next year the fire station will be paid for and there will be money for maintenance.

B. There will be a request that the select board consider insulating the attic of the town office in order to save on fuel costs. This would have an immediate financial gain for the town,

C. Darlene gave a report about progress on the Window Dressers Project. There are 171 inserts ordered, up from last year's 108. More volunteers are still needed for the Build, November 3-10.

New Business

A. Dana and Donna will temporarily share the role of the Chair of the Energy Committee.

Dana will facilitate the meetings, do any presentations necessary, ie. Selectboard, Planning Commission.

Donna will make up the agenda, post it appropriately, announcements and filing. She will attend meetings where Dana is presenting for the Energy Committee. They will write the annual report jointly.

Gidget will take the minutes for the meetings and distribute them.

Darlene will forward Dana, Donna and Gidget's contact information to Ali Webster to make sure they are on the mailing list for the regional energy committee's quarterly meetings. We reviewed the three classifications of emails to committee members. The following notations are in the subject line for emails.

Please Respond- When it is necessary to poll members of the committee on an issue.

Please Read- When the content of the email is particularly germane to the functioning of the committee

FYI-When the content may be of interest to members but does not directly impact the function of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Darlene Ahrens