

## **Sutton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes February 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04

Attendance: Dana Patoine, Darlene Ahrens

The minutes for the meeting of January 2022 were approved as written.

### **Old Business**

The staffing for the table at town meeting was discussed: Dana and Byron will staff the table and be available to answer questions about the energy committee and its work.

Items to be included at the table:

- a poster

- information about various options for energy conservation; NETO, Efficiency Vermont, Heat Squad, Window Dressers, etc

- flyers with information about the committee

- sign up sheets for those interested in the committee

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- sign up with specific energy questions to be followed up by the committee.

The energy survey will also be available with other items given out as people enter the multi-purpose room and collected at the table.

Hopefully we will get some good responses on the surveys to help guide our work in the upcoming year.

Discussion concerning school bus use. Darlene will contact the earth science teacher at LI to discuss an on site survey by students as a school project.

Window Dressers: The Sutton Community Build will now be the Sutton/Burke Community Build. This will give us a broader base from which to draw customers and volunteers. Wheelock may join also.

### **New Business**

Darlene spoke of a new group that has been meeting. The group is made up of members of local energy committees in the Northeast Kingdom and is organized by Allie from NVDA. The purpose of the meetings is to share ideas and coordinate our efforts, and share the work. One idea that was discussed and received support was the idea of having a larger scale energy fair with all of us working together. This could be done on a regular basis (once or twice a year) and the location in different towns each time.

Another idea discussed was a Kingdom wide open house so people could get a first hand look at some of the more energy efficient homes and systems that are available. This was supported with a caveat around COVID and waiting until until homeowners would feel okay having lots of people come into their homes. Dana added that the Sutton Fire Department could be used as a municipal building example. The school building also uses geothermal technology.

All committee members are free to join these meetings are are encouraged todo so. Darlene encouraged other members of our committee to join to learn more about what is being discussed at the state level for energy committees and what is being planned for neighboring towns. The meetings generate a lot of enthusiasm. If members of this committee would like to join, let Darlene know and she will make sure you are put on the contact list for announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30

Respectfully submitted  
Darlene Ahrens