

Sutton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:05

Attendance: Donna Nicol, Dana Patoine, Darlene Ahrens

Possible projects for the year 2023 were discussed. It was decided that the committee would like to work on the following three items:

1. A second energy fair if it could be jointly sponsored and worked on with a couple of other towns, perhaps, Burke, Lyndon, Sheffield and Wheelock. Our committee is not large enough to do this alone but would like to work on it as part of a joint effort. People seemed to appreciate it last year;
2. Perusing further energy improvements to the Town Office building, particularly exploring the possibility of increasing the solar panels on the fire department to further offset the electric bill of the Town Office and insulation of the attic. Researching possible funds to assist in these improvements.
3. A third year of Window Dressers if it can be jointly worked on with other towns to share the work load. It would be particularly beneficial if Lyndon were to enter in partnership to increase the population base.

Darlene shared information about the NVDA newsletter, quarterly energy committee meetings and the VECAN (Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network) Energy Committee Communications Toolkit. She also shared that NVDA had \$200 to assist energy committees. Ali Webster would be the contact concerning those funds.

Darlene also shared that she opted not to have Sutton Energy Committee participate in the Button Up effort this year due to lack of available hours.

New Chair discussion. On a temporary basis, Dana and Donna will share the basic tasks of the chair. Darlene will send them the official job description and a breakdown of the bare essential duties. Darlene will write up the annual report for 2022.

Old Business

Darlene reported on the status of the Window Dressers Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully submitted
Darlene Ahrens