

Sharon Energy Committee

Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 05:30 PM

Sharon Town Office

2021-08-23 17:30

**Draft Minutes**

*This meeting was held through teleconference and in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law with electronic participation.*

Energy Committee members present: Ryan Haac

Energy Committee members attending remotely: Dee Gish

Ryan called the meeting together at 17:39 (5:39 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No public. No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Deferred approval to future meeting.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

EEI will present their Town building walkthrough results and recommendations to the Selectboard at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ryan mentioned he is also generating a contextual informational packet for the Selectboard in advance of the meeting, which will also include his review of the Green Procurement Policy and a Greenhouse Gas Emission assessment for the Town.

4. **Legislative Update from Jill**

Jill not present. Ryan mentioned that the Vermont Climate Council is still accepting public comments on its direction and directives.

5. **Actions on climate change- Discussion**

We discussed several topics including services and walkability in the village, unified/individual resilience, transportation electrification, community solar accessibility, land use, and renewable energy production. Ryan and Dee agreed that a revitalized resiliency group in town would be able to take charge of the two pillars it was handed previously: community resilience and individual resilience. Also, Ryan mentioned that for the electrification of transportation to become “normal,” charging infrastructure must be prevalent. Ryan and Dee both lamented the lack of charging infrastructure in town (particularly in the village) despite numerous attempts over the years. Dee will check in with Maplefields about their expressed intention of putting in a vehicle charging station at the service station.

6. **Real carbon solutions**

Ryan talked about his interest in native tree crops plans and shared his recent experience eating delicious native Pecans. Dee mentioned the upcoming Regenerative Fair in South Royalton on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

7. **Other business**

None discussed.

8. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (2021-09-27 17:30)

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

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