

Sharon Energy Committee

Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 04:45 PM

Sharon Town Office

2022-01-24 16:45

**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 and Jill Wilcox

Energy Committee members attending remotely: Dee Gish

Ryan called the meeting together at 16:53 (4:53 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Minutes from prior meetings (2021-06-25 17:30 and 2021-12-27 16:45) were approved.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Ryan reported that the Selectboard approved the finalization of an RFP that he prepared with Geoff. Geoff is working to finalize it and get it posted at the beginning of February.

4. **Upper Valley E-bike Loaning Library (UVELL) Update**

Ryan reported that planning continues amongst the eight participating towns and Vital Communities for deploying the UVELL in the spring/summer/fall of 2022. Ryan is planning to attend the next meeting later this week to continue the planning.

5. **2022 Energy Burden Program with Vital Communities**

Ryan explained that the launch of the outreach effort will be underway with a survey and mailer in early February. He is finalizing the engagement survey and mailing addresses with Vital Communities.

6. **Actions on climate change and Real carbon solutions**

We talked about the current statewide proposal to allow carbon sequestration to be an acceptable management practice in Current Use. We also discussed some of the issues with the clean heating standard being proposed at the State level. Additionally, a lively discussion regarding the appropriation of renewable energy credits (RECs) with respect to net-metering in Vermont, ensued.

Jill eagerly announced that she purchased a hybrid vehicle and will receive it soon. She also mentioned that Hartford's Forest Plan is up for discussion. No one present knew if Sharon had such a plan.

7. **Other business**

Dee informed us that the Town will be closing on the Ashley Forest property at the end of January. A joint (members between Strafford and Sharon) committee will manage the property and joint funds will be held in a single place (Stafford).

8. Next meeting scheduled for Jill's birthday:

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (2022-02-28 16:45).

Ryan adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM.

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