

Sharon Energy Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24th, 2023 @ 06:00 PM

Sharon Town Office

15 School Street, Sharon VT 05065

2023-04-24 18:00

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

Present at the Town Office: Ryan Haac (EC)

Present on the phone: Dee Gish (EC)

Ryan called the meeting together at 18:07 (6:07 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Dee motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting (2023-03-27). Ryan seconded.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Ryan provided the following updates:

- The MERP mini-grant was submitted in April on behalf of the Town, with the Energy Committee as the responsible party
- Ryan will send an updated Community Action Plan that provides a set of options and ideas for the EC to pursue.
- Ryan will update the Town's Energy Star data to prepare for a Tier 2 energy audit that is part of MERP. The in-depth audits are offered for no charge and are a prerequisite to the big-ticket grant funding for the program. The applications for this should come out in May.
- A couple events for electric groundskeeping equipment are being organized in the region. Ryan will pass this info along to interested parties.
- We recently made progress with making the Climate Action For You page more user friendly (keeping it simple).

4. **Sharon Community Resilience Forum**

Ryan and Dee discussed ongoing planning for the VCRD-led forum. A Steering Committee is being formed for a May 8th meeting to plan the community-wide forum that will likely take place in early June.

5. **Repair Fair in Sharon**

Ryan will reach out to Jill – the timing looks to be that we could overlap the UVELL e-bikes at the event.

6. **Window Dressers 2023**

Ryan and Dee joined the leadership team of a local WindowDressers team to bring the program to Sharon this year. Hartford and Hartland ran a program last year and we have joined the effort. We will be looking for participants and volunteers in the near future.

7. **UV E-bike Lending Library**

Ryan announced that the e-bikes will be in Sharon from May 31 to June 14. He will work to publicize the event once the reservation system is in place and confirm that we can keep that at the Elementary School again.

8. **Actions on Climate Change and Real Carbon Solutions**

We discussed the Earth Day event from the prior weekend. Overall turnout was low and the sense that most folks do not grasp how dire the situation we have pushed the planet into. Nonetheless, the event was meaningful and enjoyable for those who attended.

9. **Other Business**

None discussed.

10. The next meeting was scheduled for May 22nd, 2023 at 6 PM (2023-05-22 18:00)

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dee seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.