

## **Sharon Energy Committee Meeting**

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 @ 06:00 PM

Sharon Town Office

15 School Street, Sharon VT 05065

2023-05-22 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 18:03 (6:03 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Dee motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting (2023-04-24). Ryan seconded.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Ryan provided the following updates:

- All of the Town's energy use (buildings and vehicles) has been collected and input into Energy Star Portfolio Manager. At least five years of data are included. These data are important in the near future as we prepare for a MERP Tier 2 energy audit, whose application is due to come out this month.
- There is an upcoming EV charging grant for which Sharon is well situated. We discussed some locations that might be appropriate, such as the Sharon Health Center. Dee offered to help with putting together the grant once the application was released.

4. **Sharon Connects (Thursday, June 8, 2023)**

Ryan and Dee discussed ongoing planning for the VCRD-led forum, including upcoming outreach and logistics such as food, childcare, etc. The event is being funded by VCRD, Vital Communities, and the Energy Committee through the MERP mini-grant the Energy Committee is stewarding for the Town.

5. **Sharon Repair Fair (Saturday, June 10, 2023)**

We chatted about the event, including a need for additional fixers. Ryan mentioned that the UVELL e-bikes would likely be at the event but that is not yet confirmed, which was disused later in the meeting.

6. **Window Dressers 2023**

Ryan communicated some of his current efforts organizing the measuring team and lining up measurers with “clients.” Sharon has a few households signed up so far and at least a couple measurers.

The location for the community build event is still being finalized but it is likely to be at Damon Hall in Hartland.

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

Ryan explained that insurance coverage for the program was still holding up its launch this year – the first two or more scheduled locations have so far been cancelled. We are awaiting action on an MOU between Vital Communities and Kilton Library in regard to “ownership” and insurance coverage for the program. Ryan will update the group when any progress is made.

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

Dee mentioned some of the good work being done by 350VT with A Just Transition for Vermont.

9. **Other Business**

None discussed.

10. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM (2023-06-26 18:00)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.