

## Sharon Energy Committee Meeting

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 06:00 PM

Sharon Town Office

15 School Street, Sharon VT 05065

2023-11-27 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: Dee Gish (EC) and Ryan Haac (EC, Chair).

Ryan called the meeting together at 18:04 (6:04 PM).

1. **Public Comment Period**

No comments.

2. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

Dee motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting (2023-10-23 18:00). Ryan seconded.

3. **Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator updates**

Updates to the Climate Action For You website are ongoing. We expect to hear about some more funding opportunities that can be added to the website early next year.

The MERP Level 2 building audit is still pending and will likely be scheduled for early spring at the Town Office and Town Garage.

Jeff checked in the NEVI grant and also found that Sharon appears to be shortlisted for charging infrastructure grants – we may find out in December 2023 if Sharon is selected. The Midway Station has expressed interest in hosting the charging infrastructure.

4. **Upper Valley Energy Savings Programs**

Ryan recapitulated the prior winter/weatherization assistance resources offered through Vital Communities. This year, Vital Communities updated the useful tri-fold brochure and distributed them to interested town energy committees. Ryan requested a pile of them and has put them at the Town Office. Dee offered to move some to the Food Shelf. She also suggested sharing a digital version of the form, which Ryan will facilitate.

5. **Actions of Climate Change and Real Carbon Solutions**

Ryan mentioned that he had been gathering and preparing seeds to stratify over the winter, including Korean Nut Pine. We also discussed the potential for yellowbud hickory as a local source of food oil; there is a local effort (Northern Forest Foods) that is forming to extract and “produce” the oil from the nuts. We also brainstormed some ideas for the Sharon Food Justice Garden with respect to trees.

6. **Other Business**

We discussed some ideas for an impending Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant Application at the Library including potential overlap with an upcoming Sharon Connects event and weatherizing some of the basement space.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for next year!

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM (2024-01-22 18:00)

Dee made a motion to adjourn. Ryan seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:41 (6:41 PM).

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