

East Montpelier Energy Committee – Draft

Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024-- Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

1) Attendees

- a) Ben McCall (facilitator)
- b) Stephen Miracle
- c) Andy Shapiro (secretary)
- d) Emily Levin
- e) Austin Cate
- f) Daniel Costin (public)
- g) Sam Lash (CVPRC)

2) Agenda approved.

3) Committee will work on approving this and the previous minutes at our next meeting.

4) MERP audit grants approved. We are still waiting to be contacted by the auditors. Sam Lash says scheduling should start next week or so. Our vendor is Novagroup

5) No comments from public

6) Andy is working with Town Garage group to assist in getting efficiency built into the project. A great design team was assembled that knows energy efficiency and embodied energy to put together a very detailed schematic design along with a good cost estimate. Selectboard OK'd this team and is going forward with contracting. An RFP has been sent to 3 firms to provide and "owner's representative" for the project.

7) We will have a table at the Town Meeting – bring our own table and we will develop a schedule for us to have someone at table.

8) Vacancy on committee – Selectboard makes appointment from recommendation we have. Dan Costin would like to be on our committee. He has been on the Montpelier EC and has experience in renewable energy – was at Northern Power, does consulting and teaches at VTC (mechanical engineering and renewable energy.) His students worked with Town of Johnson on a town garage design; big interest in ground source heat pumps, including for his new house. Knows some of selectboard. Has consulted on energy storage and wind turbines and underwater turbine design. The committee unanimously recommends to the Selectboard for Dan to be part of the committee.

9) Committee will meet at 7:30, Tuesdays, approximately every two weeks, so next the 23rd will be next meeting

10) Ben put together a page for the Town Report on our activities.

- 11) Emily shared her ongoing work on the draft of the Energy Plan. She has been working on this and shared her draft with the Energy Committee. Followed format of prior 2018 – 2020 energy plan draft and made updates. Data to be filled in when available.
- 12) Sam Lash presented information that she has in maps and showed some of the capabilities of mapping she can provide. She was asked to provide what she has now so we can get started and it sounded like she is being stymied by the sources of data she needs.
- 13) Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM