

East Montpelier Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Draft – Aug 24, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

1) Attendees

- a) Ben McCall (facilitator)
- b) Andy Shapiro (secretary)
- c) Stephen Miracle
- d) Emily Levin
- e) Austin Cate

2) Agenda approved.

3) Committee approved July 30, 2023 meeting minutes.

4) Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grants for Municipalities 5-20-2024. Proposal was submitted on time! Selectboard approved. Thanks to Emily and Ben in particular for heroic effort!

5) Town Garage project had a walkthrough with 15 or so people and a public meeting that was very poorly attended.

6) MERP grants are now restricted to towns with High Energy Burdens, so our efforts were in vain. Andy sent notes on the audit with some suggestions to Sam Lash and auditors

7) Energy Plan: Sam Lash sent a new draft and said she will send another cleaner draft to be easier for copying and pasting. She hopes to have a final version in a week or so with a recorded walk-through. Some this Fall/Winter Planning Commission hopes to have a draft then of an updated Town Plan. Energy in Chapter 6 on the agenda for November to finalize the first draft. We are one of 6 sections in that chapter. Ideally, we should have a quasi-solid draft toward the beginning of November.

8) Selectboard discussed replacing level 2 charger at park and ride across road from Town Office. Austin suggests Grizzl-E made in Canada – robust, can be metered, and company has a number of options

9) Next meeting scheduled for September 10.

10) Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM