

**Town of Winhall - Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 11, 2023**

PRESENT: Mike Cole; Andrea Ameden

ALSO: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting began at 6:30 on Microsoft Teams

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Stowe Energy Committee Survey
 - Lack of meaningful results
 - Table-top meet & greet - also not as successful
 - E-bike day - nowhere for that to really happen in Winhall
- Marcel - Town plan questions from Energy Committee
- Green Mountain Power - Mike discussed with Lead tech about projects getting additional funding from GMP

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THIS MEETING:

President - Andrea Ameden, Secretary - Mike Cole

OLD BUSINESS: ENERGY DASHBOARD ERG AND RECOMMENDATION MEMO:

- Selectboard needs to formally approve the grant to receive funding
- Utility usage information - in town vault, will be dug up prior to building audit
 - Margo Gia - Windham Regional Commission will send the Town of Winhall a date for the buildings' audits (likely after January 2024, during winter)
 - Energy Committee and Scott Bushee to be present for audit.
 - Community Center, Library, Four-bay garage at dump
- Opt-out after the first or second year? Year-to-year approval basis.
- Legality issue with several licensed users. ONLY the entity who signs up for the platform can use it. It is not worth the legal battle to disobey the license agreement. There is a chance the Windham Regional Planning Commission or the State of Vermont can work with their legal team to modify the licensing agreement.
- Public outreach
 - VEEP - materials and activities for teachers to work on with students.
 - The Energy Committee could bring something to VEEP for students to work with.
- Mike to write the cover/executive summary.
- Andrea made the motion to approve the Energy Dashboard ERG Recommendation packet and Mike seconded.

NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER BUSINESS FOUND PROPER FOR DELIBERATION

- Town Plan Questionnaire
 - ERG Brainstorming
 - RBES - to what extent should the town move towards enforcement of VT RBES certification.
- Town Meeting

- Energy Committee having a table at Town Meeting
- Thermographic images for building audits
- Hands-on demonstration of energy efficiency (hand-crank to energize a light bulb)
- Future idea - town-owned thermographic camera for town residents to check-out to use.
- Work on our elevator pitches
- EC to be present at the next Selectboard meeting on 12/20. Meet next on 12/18.
- Andrea to draft 12/18 agenda and warn
- Mike to send draft ERG recommendation package to selectboard by 12/13

APPROVE MINUTES

Meeting Adjourned was adjourned at 8:07pm