

Sutton Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2019

Attendance: Ann Lawless, David Tucker, Gwen Kinney, Martha Tack, Darlene Ahrens
The meeting was called to order at 1800
Introductions were made

The minutes for the May 21, 2019 meeting were read and approved as read.

Ann Lawless of the **HEAT SQUAD** made a presentation about the services offered. The Heat Squad is a sister organization to Neighbor Works in western Vermont. One of the main services they offer is an energy audit with a report the next day. The energy audit costs \$100. They have done 85 audits in the NEK with 39 projects. The program in the NEK was started last summer. Basement and roof insulation is the #1 return for the \$ in terms of tightening up a house. If heating with wood, the average savings for people they have worked with is 2-3 cords of wood a year, which is a savings in money and work. The audit takes about four hours and includes: a blower door test, complete visual inspection, infrared imaging (as long as there is at least a 20 degree indoor-outdoor differential at the time of the audit), heating system efficiency evaluation, health and safety check, and a CO and smoke detector assessment. It is a year round service.

The NVRH program called Healthy Homes was mentioned. Darlene will try to get more information about that

Updates on proposed projects:

1. **Composting.** When we do tabling with information about energy efficiency resources we will also give information about composting. David will contact Paul Tomasi at the waste district to see if he could join us to give information on composting that day.
2. **Tabling.** Dates set (weather permitting) **July 20 and August 17.** We will set up a table, chairs and shade during Saturday recycling and give out
 - 1) Information from Efficiency Vermont
 - 2) Information from the Heat Squad
 - 3) Our own resources brochure (If it is not ready, we will give what we have and ask people for feedback and what other information people might find helpful to have on it)
 - 4) Information on composting
 - 5) Information on recycling
 - 6) Any other information we learn of before those dates
3. **Brochure** The very rough draft of the brochure was reviewed and suggestions made. All agreed we are on the right track. Next draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

In discussing the upcoming Sutton Town Survey, if it is decided that the process will be a door-to-door process, we would like some information to be given to people at that time also (information similar to that available at the above mentioned tabling event). Darlene will take this suggestion to the Planning Commission.

The next meeting will be July 16. **There will be no meeting in August.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1921
Respectfully submitted
Darlene Ahrens