

Sutton Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

Attendance: Dana Patoine, Martha Tack, Darlene Ahrens

The meeting was called to order at 1805

Introductions were made and a discussion ensued concerning other possible people to ask to be on the committee. Each person will be contacting a few other people

The Town of Sutton Energy Committee Charter was reviewed and a few minor revisions were suggested. The committee will go over those revisions at our next meeting and will then submit the proposed changes to the Planning Commission for approval. Suggestions included wording to tie the charter to the State Energy goals and the goals of surrounding towns and to make membership qualifications broader.

Martha reported on the NVDA Energy Seminar and on the Wheelock Energy Fair. Darlene reported on a Drawdown book discussion group she attended.

Discussion of possible projects: The committee decided to work on two specific projects as well as a few minor activities. The first project will be an effort to promote individual composting. Martha will come to the next meeting with more information concerning that. The second project is to explore the Window Dressing Project as done in Glover last year. Darlene will contact the person from Glover to learn about the details of this project and discuss possible partnering with other near-by Energy Committees.

Two other minor activities were discussed. The first is "Tabling" on Saturday mornings when people are coming to recycle and bring trash. At the table we would have information about resources provided through Efficiency Vermont and other local resources to help people increase their energy efficiency and reduce their energy bills. We will look for multiple opportunities to "Table". The second is to develop a simple brochure for distribution with information about resources.

To begin, we will have information to give to people who participate in the Green Up Day activities. Darlene will contact Efficiency Vermont to have materials available at the Fire Station when people come to pick up their green bags.

One question that was posed is "How does LED view residential solar panels installed by their customers?"

The committee decided to meet from September through May on the third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30. However, this year, because we are just getting started, we will meet in the summer. The next meeting will be May 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 1925

Respectfully submitted

Darlene Ahrens