

Hyde Park Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2022

Meeting opened at 3:16pm via Zoom

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Present:

Elisa Clancy, Denise Greene, Meg Taylor, Jessica Williams, Linda Patterson, Bryn Oakleaf

Agenda items:

3:16 pm Public Comments & Welcome

3:17 pm Window Dressers, Jessica Williams weatherization discussion

- Small non-profit in Northern NE
- Community build is about 1 week long event where insulating window inserts are built
 - If receiving inserts, asked to participate in the build. Pickups at the end of the build period. Approx 1 hr/insert of volunteer time. Meals provided in between shifts each day.
 - Price varies based on window dimensions. Double-paned/2-layers of plastic with insulating air space, pine frame and foam trim.
 - Window Dressers works with community to support, provide materials, training - ask that form a leadership/organizing team (see Window Dressers outlined roles)
 - 25-35% of inserts to LMI population (part of mission) - no strict qualifying process
 - 6-9 month commitment
 - Outreach - now is a good time (still cool weather) - summer into early fall
 - Fall is when all community builds are held
 - Leadership team spends 2-6 hours per week during planning/outreach phase
 - 6-12 hours per week in fall
 - During community build week, about 20 hrs/wk
 - Window Dressers delivers kits to central dropoff point, will pay for truck rental if needed
- Michael Lazorchak, Stowe Electric - has been big supporter and purchased some WindowDressers for local businesses

3:33 pm Bee The Change, pollinator gardens in Hyde Park

- Ron Rodjenski and Michael from Bee The Change - looking to establish another meadow in front of the Town Hall
- Town Office along the road
- Elsa French Park - pollinator meadow

- Goal of BTC is an acre of meadow in every town
- Opportunity to engage volunteers

3:40 pm Raise the Blade

- Linda Patterson, Lake Champlain Sea Grant UVM joined
 - Outreach summary: haven't done a lot of direct outreach but plans to do that after 4/1. Reviewed outreach spreadsheet as a group.
 - May need more town signs. To do: take inventory of flyers and rack cards in case need more for Green Up Day event.

3:56 pm Efficiency Vermont, Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) recruiting local members

- EEN program manager, Bryn Oakleaf, 540-7827 and boakleaf@veic.org
 - [Find a pro tool on the website](#) - most contractors state-wide don't want to drive more than an hour.
 - Recruitment option = to post on FPF
 - Becoming an EEN member: <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/trade-partners>
 - Baseline eligibility requirements
- Building and energy code training - offers technical assistance to ensure compliance
 - <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/trade-partners/energy-code-support>
 - https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/RBES%20Cert%202020_FINAL_20200916_v4_fillable.pdf - should file with town upon completion of resi building project. Option for DRB/municipalities.
- [Events & Training calendar](#)
 - [Recorded online trainings](#)
 - [RNC training](#)
 - [RBES training](#)
 - Mar 31, 2022 10:00 AM RBES Training
- Annual conference coming up April 27-28 - [Better Buildings by Design](#)

4:22 pm Green Up Day 5/7/22

- Tabling at Gihon Valley Hall - Meg
- Tabling at Library - Denise

4:26 pm Energy Code discussion led by Elisa

- Follow up on homeowners submitting RBES certificate (see link above) - Elisa to follow up with DRB to issue with building permits

4:33 pm Annual Election of Officers

- Denise Greene - become Committee Chair. Vote: unanimously approved.
- Meg Taylor - remain Secretary (no change, no vote)
- Elisa Clancy - change to Vice Chair. Vote: unanimously approved.
- [Rules of procedure](#). Motion to adopt the same rules of procedure. Vote: unanimously approved.
- Switch to town Zoom account, post agendas by Weds of previous week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm. Notes respectfully submitted by Meg Taylor, Secretary.