

Hyde Park Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022

Meeting opened at 3:15pm via Zoom

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Present:

Elisa Clancy, Denise Greene, Meg Taylor

Agenda items:

3:20 pm - meeting called to order

3:21 pm - Window Dressers event - discuss scope of the project and vote to move ahead or not.

- Denise shared sample window insert from Window Dressers
- Discussed time availability to support effort, as well as needing to meet fundraising and committee member requirements
- Vote: agreed unanimously to table for now and decide whether to make a commitment in 2023. Some future opportunities:
 - Explore upcoming training opportunities
 - Oct-Jan is when builds are usually scheduled and then training/planning to follow
 - Continue to discuss with the Stowe Energy Committee and perhaps other local businesses/groups/committees.

3:32 pm - Raise the Blade - Signage, flyers for tabling and updates

- Denise to pick-up signs from Meg (6 total - 4 at HS and 2 at ES), along with tabling materials
- Waiting on logo from HS to make custom signs

3:35 pm Green-up Day tabling 5/7/22

- Denise will be at the Library
- Meg will be at at Gihon Valley Hall starting at 9am

3:36 pm - Social media postings for upcoming events and campaign info

- Denise made an ad in Canva for Love Your Lawn campaign and will post to Facebook and Instagram. Also add to the webpage.
- Voted to use #loveyourlawnHP

3:42 pm - Meadows project with Bee the Change (BTC) - update

- Denise is waiting to hear back from Mike at BTC on next steps and then will meet with him and Ron. Denise will update the group on the meeting date.
- Ordering compost

3:46 pm - Mow Electric updates

- Add a link to Mow Electric's page on our webpage
- Elisa will also mention via social media and try to engage followers to share experiences with electric mowers.
- Grants available to fund electric mowers and batteries - perhaps we could use as a giveaway? More research is needed.

3:54 pm Energy Code update from Elisa

- Elisa attended a webinar for Efficiency VT Residential New Construction training. They mentioned that there is a new building energy standard for energy efficiency in the works.
- Link to [2020 Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards](#).
- Building permit in Hyde Park includes URL to building code but needs to be updated to current/existing link (link listed does not work). Available online/viewable but not downloadable.
- How can the Energy Committee be involved in spreading the word about the new code?
 - Appreciate that the energy standards are available to homeowners when applying for a permit, but ensure that they're current and highlight any changes.
 - Elisa to follow up to see if there's an opportunity to buy a print/downloadable copy.
 - Certificate of Compliance - how to enforce/request that it's used regularly?
Opportunity to work with Ron and the DRB - Elisa will continue to follow up.

4:10 pm – Motion to approve the minutes from Feb and March 2022

- Approved as written

Next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 3:15pm.

- Plan to change Zoom meeting details to use the Town's Zoom account - to be confirmed/updated on our webpage ahead of the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm. Notes respectfully submitted by Meg Taylor, Secretary.