

WALLINGFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the October 4, 2016 Meeting

Ken Welch called the meeting to order at 6:35. Present: John Armstrong, Ralph Nimtz, Ken Welch and Jay White. Doug Blodgett and Milton Moore joined the meeting in progress. We were joined by Liam Fagan, an AmeriCorps member working with Neighborworks.

September Minutes. Jay moved that the September minutes be approved with the correction of an error about the electric motors in the school's heating system. Ken seconded the motion. There were no objections.

Jay reported that Claus Bartenstein, the electrical engineer for the WES renovation project, had gotten access to the school's electrical usage data and would be reporting his conclusions.

Efficiency Vermont Grant. Ken reported that EV has awarded the Committee a \$2,500 grant to put on a [Button Up Day](#) (BUD) event where up to fifteen [Heat Squad home energy audits](#) will be raffled to Wallingford homeowners. The event will include presentations by organizations such as [Suncommon](#) and [Energy Independent Vermont](#). Funds from the EV grant will also support creation of a "dashboard" to monitor electricity use and solar generation at the school. [After the meeting Jay circulated a [link](#) to a public view of solar electrical production at the school.] Early next year, grant funds will help support an efficiency open house at a Wallingford house whose owners hope to completely replace oil heat through weatherization and two heat pumps largely powered by the home's solar array. The selectboard has agreed to act as a fiscal agent for the grant. The committee will also support these projects out of its annual budget from the Town.

There was a great deal of discussion about the date for the BUD event. [This discussion was rendered moot when EV stipulated that BUD events had to be scheduled for Saturday, November 12. The committee has scheduled a 10AM to 2PM event that day at the school.]

Ken appointed John and Milt to do communication and John will draft an article for the Town Newsletter. After Ken reminded him that we would be paying for 10 – 15 audits, Liam agreed to follow up with Melanie Paskevich of Neighborworks about giving us some help with publicity. Ken will talk with Sandi about working with the Herald. Refreshment assignments were made. "Let's try to make it all Vermont made," Ken commented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30.

— Submitted by John Armstrong.