

# WALLINGFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes for Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024  
5:30 pm at the  
Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT

Present: Doug Blodgett, Katherine MacLauchlan, Ken Welch, Jay White, Tom Fort

## Additions/Deletions to Agenda

- Annual Report
- Annual Budget
- Town Hall LED lights

Minutes of the Sept. 3 Energy Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comments - None

## Mission Statement

- Revision of the Energy Committee mission statement to make it more concise was discussed.
- “Minimize environmental and financial impacts of energy use in Wallingford” was proposed as a starting point. Additional suggestions included clarifying that “Wallingford” consists of both government and public citizens, as well as adding a point regarding responsibility to educate on energy issues and options.
- The Committee agreed to continue to consider mission statement options and discuss at the December meeting.

## Town Hall Heating and Cooling

- The additional GMP financial incentive for fossil fuel reduction associated with the installation of heat pumps will be \$10,853.72.
- Heat Pump contract was awarded to Bill Lohsen Plumbing and Heating.
- Electrical work to support heat pump installation was awarded to Rocky 's Electric.
- Compressors will be mounted on the rear wall of Town Hall.
- Goal is to have heat pumps installed and operational by the end of November.

## Town Solar

- Town Solar Array has been posted and bids are due 11/18/24
- The Selectboard decided to hire a consultant to submit the CPG, as well as an engineer to assess the town garage and sand shed to better understand what adjustments would be needed to ensure adequate support for the solar array.
- Jay noted that the Town Garage roof is currently composed of EPDM membrane over foam board on top of structural standing seam.

- GMP solar array one-time connection fees include a \$110 meter fee, a cost sharing tariff of \$37/kW (\$814 if 22kW), and approximately \$3000 upgrade to the Town Garage distribution transformer.

New business from the floor

- Annual Report
  - The annual report is due by 12/12/24. A draft will be circulated among the committee for review prior to the December meeting.
- Annual Budget
  - The Committee unanimously agreed to propose maintaining the current \$500 annual Energy Committee budget. Anticipated costs next year include educational events and potential contribution to additional energy-related improvements for the town.
- Town Hall LED lights
  - Energy efficient LED lights will be installed in the Town Hall by Energy Committee members on 12/23/24.
- Code Update
  - Jay updated the Committee on recent code updates for oil burners and heat pumps.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 12/3/24 at 5:30 PM.