

Peacham Energy Committee Minutes:

December 14, 2020

Present: Jock Gill, Tom Bryer, Daniel OBrien, Allie Webster

Public: Jake Thomas

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

- Additions to agenda: Update on energy education efforts (VEEP-VT Energy and Education Program) and free energy audit for the school (Efficiency Vermont).
- Approval of November 2020 minutes.
- The next Planning Commission meeting on Jan 12, 2021, will serve as the first public hearing for formal adoption of the Energy Plan amendment to the Peacham Town Plan.
- Allie provided an update on communications/outreach and efforts to raise awareness about the Energy Committee as a community resource re: energy (save \$\$, be more comfy). Weekly postings are being distributed via email and social media. Ideas for additional content welcomed and encouraged. Send ideas to peachamenergycommittee@gmail.com
- Discussed PEC report & budget proposal; goal to subsidize 20 audits for energy burdened Peacham homes in 2021, with Heat Squad's support. Tom will inquire with Heat Squad about what criteria could inform home participation/eligibility. Jock to connect Allie with NETO contact for possible guidance/support.
- Discussed free School energy audit (Efficiency VT in-person walkthroughs not possible right now with covid), Daniel suggested scheduling audit when school is empty on break - Allie will ask Eff.VT; education possibilities, VEEP has thermal (IR) cameras available free of charge for students to use - Allie to share with Principal. Also discussed resiliency and emergency management planning; shelter in place necessities, like backup (battery) power. Jock will reach out to fire chief about emergency/preparedness planning
- Discussed video idea to spread the word about energy audits/upgrades in Peacham homes and the church - likely postponed due to covid
- No correspondence or public input to review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM