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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

PRESENT

Jeremy Grip - Ripton
James Dayton - Panton
Barrie Bailey - Salisbury
Ross Conrad - Middlebury

ACRPC staff - Maddison Shropshire

AGENDA

- Call to Order: 7 PM
- Introduction of new energy planner and committee members
- Discussion of Ripton enhanced energy plan - move to recommend approval to RPC by Ross; Second by James; all in favor.
- Energy Updates from Maddison:
 - The energy planner position is to be focused on implementation of projects in the four areas of transportation, land use, thermal, and electricity. Please review the December [energy planner report](#) for greater detail on past projects and achievements. Initial efforts were focused on familiarizing with available resources and producing informational documents that can now be found on the [energy page](#) of the ACRPC website.
 - Committee determines that uncertainty around Covid precludes a large energy fair style event from this year's efforts but should be kept in mind for the future. *Maddi will investigate farmers markets as small alternative options for this summer.*
 - Interest in locations for new EV charging related to new funding opportunities. [New funding](#) is exclusively for multi unit dwellings. *Maddi will investigate opportunities and cost/benefits of GMP offerings.*
 - The [energy dashboard](#) is not being updated or kept functional at the level required. *ACRPC has since learned that DPS is charged with developing a streamlined energy data platform. Maddi will continue to advocate and research alternative options.*

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- Possibility of town competition on weatherization, solar etc. is raised. *Maddi will develop options to propose at the February meeting and investigate the available resources for a [Solarize project](#) from [Vital Communities](#).*
- The CEP and CAP will be discussed by all energy planners across the state in late January to organize priorities and identify gaps. Both documents provided valuable recommendations but few strategies for implementation. Legislative action in the ongoing session will be informative of state level priorities and potential opportunities in which this region can participate.
- Other Business - none
- Adjourn 8PM

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 1, 2022
- March 1, 2022
- April 5, 2022
- May 3, 2022

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