# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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#### **ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

#### **PRESENT**

Cheryl Brinkman - Vergennes Rich Warren - Starksboro Ross Conrad - Middlebury ACRPC staff - Maddison Shropshire

### **AGENDA**

- Call to Order: 7:04 PM
- Approval of <u>April 5, 2022 Energy Committee meeting minutes</u>
  - o Moved by Ross; Rich second; all in favor.
- Approval of <u>May 3, 2022 Energy Committee meeting minutes</u>
  - o Moved by Ross; Cheryl second; all in favor.
- Discussion of additional education and gathering opportunities for regional and local energy committees.
  - o Following the success of the financing presentations given during the May committee meeting and shared with town committees, should additional presentations be organized? Committee agrees that presentations bring more people and interest to the meetings; however, we should keep invitations to ACRPC communities for the actual presentations. Timing of presentation on committee meeting day raised as a concern.
- Ross moves to change regular meeting time to 6:30 PM to accommodate external presentations at 7PM; Cheryl seconds; all in favor.
- Energy Updates from Maddison
  - o Work with Window Dressers to promote weatherization programs. I am working with the local Window Dressers volunteers and HEAT Squad to train volunteers to discuss additional weatherization programs and opportunities with clients.
  - o <u>Footprint Project</u> solar Energy planners around the state are working to bring this non profit to the state for a few show and tell presentations. They use recycled solar panels to create emergency power stations such as a trailer command center. These trailers can also be used for public events. This organization has also informed us of the trend for solar developers to trade out solar panels before their end of life span is reached, creating an opportunity for reuse if we can take advantage.
  - o **Enhanced energy planning:** The Whiting Enhanced Energy Plan will go to the town planning commission in July. Waltham's EEP will be before the selectboard this month. Shoreham is working to develop their EEP but will wait for the new LEAP data from the state.

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- o Energy tables at community events. It would be helpful for committee members to brainstorm events where an energy info table would be effective. Suggestions for Addison Co. Field days and Vergennes Day were made. This raises another question on what materials might be needed (banners, fliers, handouts, etc). Maddi will investigate if ACRPC has any funding for printing and the like.
- Adjourn: 7:44 PM

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