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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Jeremy Grip - Ripton
Cheryl Brinkman - Vergennes
Maddison Shropshire - ACRPC Staff

AGENDA

6:30 pm - Call to Order

6:35 pm - Review of [July 2022 Minutes](#) - postponed until October meeting due to lack of quorum and no access to the document.

6:40 pm - Discuss Waltham and Whiting enhanced energy plan reviews. The **energy committee will attend the October 17th meeting of the Waltham planning commission at 7pm** to review their new enhanced energy plan. The Whiting enhanced energy plan has been adopted by the town and is being reviewed by ACRPC.

6:45 pm - Energy Updates from Maddison

- Energy tables at community events (Field Days, Ferrisburgh, Vergennes) - Field days was a great opportunity to reach out to the community and connect energy committee members and energy programs around the county. We had about 250 people stop at the booth and gave away air sealing foam as well as raffled off a smart thermostat. Volunteers agreed it would be valuable to attend the fair again in the future with suggested improvements including:
 - more space - the amount of information available and the number of programs we hosted could have justified two indoor booths or a move outside.
 - a more interactive display - the “tell us where you’re from” map was a big hit, but we could have applied the same idea to a more productive energy question

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- o more focused subject matter - the volume of material is overwhelming for an average passerby. Streamlining the goal of the booth (weatherization, EVs, etc) would reduce the amount of information we need to know and encourage more conversation.
- o and potentially a drive electric or similar event - several volunteers discussed bringing a set of electric lawn equipment or vehicles to field days to garner more interest.

The level of interest from our volunteers and community indicates that there may be sufficient energy for an independent event next year. Suggest further discussion at the next meeting.

- LEAP model process - Maddi submitted the data required for the LEAP models to be run for Addison County. We are now waiting for the results and then they will need to be extrapolated to the town scale. Expect to hear more by November.
- Progress on H.518 - there is very little progress with H.518 due to challenges with the funding source. Maddi will reach out to all towns once there is a concrete program in place.
- Miscellaneous -
 - o Button Up has kicked off for the season. Please contact Maddi if your town is interested in hosting an event.
 - o Maddi is working with Middlebury College, CEAC, and 350VT to leverage local volunteers for weatherization and EV infrastructure outreach. Please recommend any additional groups that you believe would be a valuable partner.

7:00 pm - Welcome Tiana Smith of GMP - unfortunately, Tiana was not able to attend. The presentation has been **rescheduled for October 4th at 7 pm**.

7:10 pm - Adjourn

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