

## **Draft Minutes**

### **Town Of Marlboro Energy Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00pm**

Attendees (in-person & via Zoom): Kate Kirkwood, Erika Korb, Robin MacArthur, Ryan Williams, Nick Morgan (Town Admin)

Call to Order @ 6:05p

Identify Any Changes To Agenda: None

Ryan moved to accept the last meeting's minutes. Robin seconded. Minutes were accepted.

#### **New Business:**

**Window Dressers:** Nick gave an update from Window Dressers which is a volunteer organization that takes orders for and assembles window inserts. Each volunteer team goes out to customers houses to take measurements and then a factory makes the parts and teams assemble and deliver the inserts. It was recommended that Marlboro join the Brattleboro/Guilford group versus starting a new group. Orders are generally submitted by June. They start building the inserts in September and finish by December. Teams fundraise to offer financial assistance. Nancy from the Brattleboro group is happy to come speak to our group.

Committee discussed the excitement level for Window Dressers and capacity for future engagement. Committee agreed to invite Window Dressers to come to the energy fair. Ryan will reach out to WD organizers and invite them to come speak at one of our next EC meetings.

**MERP:** Kate reached out to Nick and Forrest to clarify rules around emailing as a group on a topic. Kate asked to find out information about getting approval to apply for the grant. Nick has stated that he will be the person completing the application and will be in charge of our expense reports related to the grant. The energy committee will be on the next Selectboard agenda on 5/11 to gain approval to apply for the full \$4000.

**Town Energy Plan:** Kate suggested that we identify 2-3 of the goals that we think we can affect as a committee and what we think we can do. She also suggested we tie these goals to our MERP grant application. Committee Members agreed to share thoughts on the goals ahead of the next Selectboard meeting.

**Energy Fair:** The Marlboro Fair is September 9th. Kate called Green Mountain Power and they would be willing/able to come to our fair. Committee discussed the merits of asking to have the energy fair at the Marlboro Fair versus having a separate event at the Community Center. It was agreed to have a table at the Marlboro Town Fair with some basic information and to promote a separate energy fair to be hosted later in the fall at the Community Center.

Robin will send a doodle poll to find a date for our energy fair and inquire about using the Community Center once a date has been determined.

Erika will reach out to Marlboro Fair to ask if the Energy Committee can have a table at the fair.

**Future Ideas:** The committee discussed the opportunity to host Elizabeth Sawin from the Multisolving Institute. It was agreed that this is an exciting opportunity that can be continued to be explored.

**Energy Committee Email:** Kate will receive emails from our energy committee email and will share any pertinent emails with the energy committee's attention that comes in via that email address.

**Selectboard Meeting: Kate will attend and submit our proposal to apply for the MERP grant at the next Selectboard meeting. She hopes that other EC members will attend also.**

**Ryan asked for any information about a proposed town committee that will be made up of members of each of the town's committees. Kate will try to get some clarity about that from the Selectboard.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th @ 6 pm**

**Adjourn @ 7:15pm**