**Town of Shelburne Energy Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting held Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**LOCATION: In person at Town Hall**

**PURPOSE: Monthly committee meeting**

**Members present: Tom Johnson, Pat Stevenson, Jeff Boettner,**

**Phil Bragdon and Todd Allen**

**Others present: Cyndee Fand and Cynthia Boettner**

**1. Call to order:** Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**2.** **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held April 18, 2024 were reviewed. A motion to approve with minor edits was made by Jeff, seconded by Phil and approved unanimously.

**3. Old Business:**

**Mass Save Community First, Energy Fair, and Budget**

**Updates:**

Cyndee reported that the Energy Fair had a good turnout and she got a lot of positive feedback from it. She gathered data from forms people were given who attended the

Energy Fair and all that data is on the attached chart (see addendum 1) she created which lists items attendees are interested in which includes the following:

—interest in home energy assessments

—interest in home energy tours for residents to learn from other residents who have heat pumps, solar systems, electric cars, etc.

—educational webinars on IRA, heat pumps, heat loans, Mass Save programs, Low-income programs (spell out) Solar programs, andlord/renter issues

She also reported that the Mass Save program is being overhauled going forward.

Such as higher bracket for Moderate Income, self-attestment for Weatherization, turnkey barrier removal, etc. The next three years of the CFP program is being laid out presently and Cyndee and Cynthia wonder if Shelburne might want to partner with other nearby hilltowns for those next three years. Shelburne would not necessarily need to take the lead role. Cyndee suggested that FRCOG may be interested in helping take a lead with this as they have grant writers and provide support to Franklin County towns on many initiatives. Also, All in Energy is putting together a series of co-hort trainings, where CFP town Energy Advocates will share their experiences on various topics. Committee members are also welcome to attend and should especially look intothose relating to our stated priority populations this year (landlords, low- and moderate-income populations) for ideas that have proved both successful and unsuccessful.

Low-income households (Group A) Cohort

Thursday, July 18 · 1:00 – 3:00pm

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fxp-xjum-bmp>

Or dial:

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/fxp-xjum-bmp?pin=2646373392085>

Moderate-income households Cohort

Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Location:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83823776581?pwd=FJbejily1ns4RntupbnMmnFjlyrDJT.1>

Low-income households (Group A) Cohort

Thursday, September 19, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Location:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86042101833?pwd=fFnrQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86042101833?pwd=fFnrQrEaawczOxanf8hazz4n2OfnHe.1)

Moderate Income Households Cohort

Thursday, September 26⋅10:00am – 12:00pm

Location:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89556284201?pwd=zclGX7F](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89556284201?pwd=zclGX7FbOgjCDCamqUsj4Gxal2KdAc.1)

**CFP Budget:** Tom met with Dara to obtain the status of the Community First budget and learned that after the expense associated with the Energy Fair the funds available through the remainder of the year total about $12,000. This is enough to cover anticipated salary for the Energy Advocate for the remainder of 2024 but only about $2,000 remaining for supplies, marketing, and other non-salary items.

**Solar on the Town pole barn update:**

Tom reported that the Selectboard met to review the bids but nothing to report yet.

It is projected that the solar panels will produce up to 25 to 30 kW.

**LED streetlights update:**

Jeff reported that the town voted to approve ownership of the LED streetlights and is renegotiating the price with Eversource. A hearing is being planned with police, abutters and selectboard members.

**Committee membership update:**

Tom reported that Robin Logan is interested in joining our committee and will be attending our meeting on June 13, 2024.

**Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant update:**

Tom reported that a proposal by Weston and Sampson has been funded with a $15,000 META grant to consult with the town steps to be taken to improve the energy efficiency of Cowell Gym and Memorial Hall. Including the possibility of putting a solar arrays on the Cowell Gym and Town Hall roofs and replacing the propane-fired HVAC in Memorial Hall. He also reported that John Walsh had gotten a $50K grant for window replacements on the Cowell Gym.

**4. New Business**

**New topics:**

Cynthia asked if anyone had any news to submit for the 2 Town Newsletter and Cyndee asked the committee to be thinking about webinars that might be considered for the future.

**Announcements:**

Tom reported that he had arranged for Revise to do an energy audit at the Shelburne police station.

**5. Public Comments**

There were none.

**Next meeting:**  June 13, 2024

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jeff, seconded by Phil, and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.