

## Wilmington Energy Committee (WEC) Minutes

**Time and Location:** November 19, 2024, at 40 Beaver Street

**Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were:** Bob Bois, Jessica Roberts, Gary Carver, Scott Moore, Keith Johnson and Mashall Dix

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** none

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Bois. September's minutes approved (motion by Dix, seconded by Moore, all in favor). October's minutes approved (motion by Johnson, seconded by Carver, all in favor).
- Bois asked Moore for an update on the Solar Project; Moore will follow up on the revised estimate.
- Carver led a discussion regarding a \$4K grant for Window Dressers. He mentioned the award decision should be made toward the end of this month. Roberts added to the discussion with photos and a description of a tour of Brattleboro's Window Dressers recent workshop. She mentioned that 3-5 windows was the common use for the program, with a limit of 10 per year. She explained the participant's labor agreement required one shift (4 hours) be worked for each 3-4 windows, and that the affordable windows were made of plain pine. She also described pine or white windows anyone from any income could buy at the price of materials, plus the same labor cost, of one four-hour shift per 3-4 windows. Those who are unable to physically work, could also make cookies or lunch for the workers. The board requested that Roberts get a Window Dressers representative to attend a WEC meeting and answer a growing list of questions. Some discussion was held on how to find volunteers amongst seniors or high schoolers for the task of measuring the windows and entering the data into a computer program.
- Bois gave an update on the MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program) grant, and the town won a total of just over \$313K for the Town Hall, Town Garage, and Memorial Hall. This was celebrated as work well done over the past 22 months. Discussions will be planned with the Town Manager on how the funds should be recommended to the Select Board to be spent. Bois and Roberts will attend the Select Board meeting to ask the Select Board to accept this large (no match!) grant. It was agreed it was a boon to the town, even though the board was disappointed the grant was not extended to the Pettee Library nor the Old Firehouse as we requested. The WEC will continue to look for ways the Library's energy needs can be better met. Johnson agreed to be the WEC's point person for Memorial Hall, and Dix is the obvious choice for the Town Garage. Roberts and Bois will meet with Scott Tucker, Town Manager, regarding Town Hall's needs.
- Roberts gave an update on the Button Up Workshop, planned for Dec 10, 2024, from 6-8 pm. All members plan to be there early to help set up. Roberts will purchase pizza with funds won from Efficiency VT, and Johnson offered to pick up the pizza. Roberts has acquired 4 \$25 gift cards to use as door prizes and drum up attendance. An attendance goal of 10 was set, which the WEC hopes to meet and exceed.
- Bois opened a discussion on items the WEC would like to see reflected in the Annual Report. We reviewed the mission statement/resolution of the board, and various items to focus attention on were listed. Bois will write the report and email it to all the energy committee members for comment. The report is due Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. A photo was planned to be taken for the report at the Button Up Workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Johnson motioned for adjournment, seconded by Dix, and passed without dissent at 4:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary,  
Jessica Roberts