

Ferrisburgh Climate and Energy Committee

Meeting, 24 August 2023, 7 pm

Ferrisburgh Town Office and Community Center, and on Zoom

Minutes (DRAFT)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Kurt.
- 2) Review and approve minutes. Arabella moved; Kurt seconded. Kurt voted in favor; Arabella abstained.
- 3) Old business
 - a. Review of Energy fair co-sponsored by Vergennes Energy Committee and Ferrisburgh Climate and Energy Committee, and others. scheduled for July 15.
 - i. Arabella said it was well-attended, raffle prizes were handed out, there were a lot of vendors. Vergennes Energy Committee will cover the entire cost.
 - b. Next steps for securing Phase II Municipal Energy Resilience Program grants for town energy efficiency assessments.
 - i. Kurt will meet with Pam tomorrow (25 August); she has all the data needed for an application. Kurt will fill out application for the MERP audit grants.
 - ii. Also, the primary point of contact who will escort auditors through town buildings will be determined.
 - c. Identification of required changes to the Ferrisburgh Town Plan so the Energy section becomes an Enhanced Energy Plan.
 - i. Tabled due to Jim's absence.
 - d. Review from Kurt of CEC presentation to Ferrisburgh Selectboard on 22 August.
 - i. Kurt reviewed the presentation he gave, though the PowerPoint could not be displayed for the Selectboard.
 - ii. In his research, Kurt learned that there were minutes for meetings of the previous Ferrisburgh Energy Committee covering 2010 to 2018. They had a large role in the excellent energy sections of the current Town Plan.
 - iii. Kurt summarized the Municipal Energy Resilience Program for the Selectboard members:
 1. Phase I (Community Capacity) – a mini-grant of \$4,000 for education and outreach has been received
 2. Phase II (energy assessments of municipal buildings) – Ferrisburgh's application for this is in progress; see section 3b above. Kurt emphasized that current energy assessments need to be done even for recently built buildings since improvements are happening rapidly.

3. Phase III will be the implementation of energy improvements in municipal buildings that the Phase II assessments identify as being most worthwhile for these investments (up to \$500,000).
 - iv. Kurt also emphasized the possibility of implementing Micro-grid.
- 4) New business
 - a. Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission has asked CEC to co-sponsor a series of events focusing on climate change. Their first event is scheduled for September 22 at 7 pm: a talk by Vermont State Climatologist Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux. FCC is also looking for ideas for a second speaker in the series to focus on climate resiliency actions.
 - b. Arabella made a motion to co-sponsor the series with FCC, and that the CEC will work with FCC to line up a second event and appropriately spend funds from the MERP Community Capacity mini-grant in support of it. Kurt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
 - c. It was decided that Arabella would respond to the email from FCC to inform them of our decisions.
- 5) Other business
 - a. No other business was presented.
- 6) The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Arabella Holzapfel