

SEC Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday 20 August 2024
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88990008154?pwd=sjiabfVI00ztdmVXkuLQ7EkRVTe82E.1>

Minutes

1. Welcome; additions/changes to the agenda; approve last month's minutes

- No changes to agenda.
- Minutes of July 16 approved.

2. General Updates/Old Business

a. Vermont EPA CPRG application

VT did not get; other NE States submitted consortium grant application w/o VT for 580,000 heat pumps thru incentives.

b. EVSE program updates

i. Awaiting grant agreements for DCFC

Bridgewater Mills (Woodstock) & Red Clover (East Thetford) awarded; 4 ports each; Norwich EV will own in exchange for providing local match; will open in 3 – 4 months once grant agreement executed.

ii. Struggles with level-2 sites

A couple of applications in the pipeline:

- Copeland backed out; his out-of-pocket match would have been \$4,800; his reason was “no employees need this at this time.”
- Thetford Elementary School grant funds reserved; Norwich EV quote too high (\$67,000); Harry has Defiance Electric doing a second quote.

c. MERP

i. Assessments

All towns that have had assessments (4 out of 6) should have reports by August 30th; Thetford awaiting Assessment.

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ii. Implementation grant

RPCs, including Harry, recommended expanding eligibility to towns upgraded to high energy burden in 2023 EVT report.

d. E3 guides

Recommendations: have a link to these on Energy Committee site on Town Web Page; Harry will send Municipal Guide to Town Officials; Each Energy Committee should send to local businesses; Harry will update these documents annually.

e. Harry professional credentials

Building Performance Institute on-line courses; Harry will ask Gregory to support.

3. New Business/Discussion Items

a. Overall program goals for FY25

Green Procurement Efforts.

BPI Certifications for Harry.

(Linda) Devel. Cadre of Energy Coaches -- take advantage of available trainings for this:
Rewiring America training

<https://homes.rewiringamerica.org/learning/electric-coaches?>

Article on heat pump coaches in Mass.

<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/heat-pumps/heat-pump-coaches-help-neighbors-ditch-fossil-heat-in-massachusetts>

Web site of the Mass. organization

<https://heatsmartalliance.org/coaching/>

(Jenevra) Weatherization

(Erica) Shared Educational Outreach is Efficiency VT Rebates, Joint Button Up Event.

(Nancy) Promote EV Chargers, esp. at schools.

b. Round robin: Each town's goals for FY25

i. Bradford: MERP Projects at Municipal building; solar; Window Dressers

ii. Norwich: Window Dressers; Town Hall Project, Inflation Reduction Act rebates info share

iii. Sharon: MERP for Town Garage; Window Dressers; rebrand E. committee re: awareness.

iv. Strafford: Listserve postings re awareness; Window Dressers.

v. Thetford: RBES; Bike Rides.

vi. Woodstock: Smart Growth; Zoning changes to make it easier for smart growth housing; Green Procurement; Town Hall Building; Window Dressers.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Jones.