

Sharon Energy and Environment Commission Agenda
Friday, October 18, 2019 Sharon Town Hall
8:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Lyn Mattoon at 8:10 AM. Those present were Lyn Mattoon, Jan Dudek, Doug Rick, Katy Kinsolving and Roger Liddell. Absent: Sarah Coon and Oscar Martinez

1. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 was made by Jan Dudek and seconded by Katy Kinsolving and unanimously accepted.
2. The 2020 meeting calendar for SEEC meetings was proposed and approved.
3. a. Doug Rick had James LaPorta look at the Sharon Center School roof and assess its capacity for solar panels. James was optimistic that it could be done. There are two ways of funding such a project. 1. Allowing a company such as World Energy, which has expressed an interest, to pay for the installation and receive the tax credits, and 2. Creating an LLC with investments from citizens of the town. In addition, there may be state funding available from Community Solar, but apparently these grants are awarded on a lottery system so there is no guarantee. Any solar installation on the school would be combined with a similar installation on the town garage and perhaps, the dog pound.

b. Roger Liddell has been researching battery storage for solar energy and the capacity for disconnecting from the grid, both of which would be important for providing power to the community during a grid shutdown.

c. Members of this commission will arrange to meet with the town selectmen to discuss these issues.
4. We discussed the devices available through the library to help citizens assess environmental and energy issues in their home, namely, radon detectors and heat loss detectors. We plan to add Kill-a-Watt devices. Roger suggested that we need to provide clear, simple directions for the use of all these tools. Katy suggested that we solicit feedback and perhaps provide a reward (such as a LED bulb) for those who did.
5. There was a brief discussion about how to educate and inform the public. The new Sharon Town website which is due soon will help. Katy suggested that we get weekly information on Robin Hood Radio.
6. Addressing the problem of vines on the town trees was briefly discussed. We might partner with the Conservation Commission to get a group of people to help cut vines. Such a group would need instruction on using Round-Up to apply to stumps after cutting.

7. Brent Colley arrived toward the end of the meeting and talked about the matter of road salt. We can do nothing about the state roads, but should investigate and lobby for some alternative, such as lime, to salt.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13. Katy K. moved the motion and Jan D. seconded it. All concurred.

The next SEEC meeting will be on November 21 THURSDAY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Mattoon, acting secretary

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