**Shelburne Energy Committee**

Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:10 pm

**Present:** George Boettner, John Walsh, Pat Stevenson, Andrew Baker, Tom Johnson

**Staff Person:** Cynthia Boettner

**Agenda**

**Minutes** of the June 9 meeting were unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MassSAVE Communities First Program**: Cynthia reported that the program is still doing bi-weekly meetings. The tech support person has been helpful. We have a new phone # linked to Cynthia’s cell phone: 413-324-5034

Outreach opportunities: Grange Fair on August 27 – table with info and flyers. Penny Spearance is the contact.

Met with Senior Center staff – good partnership opportunities for day and evening presentations. There and at Library. They will advertise in newsletter, on FB and provide tech help to seniors. Outreach staff member Teddy Doucette has experience working with Low Income Heating programs. Andrew suggested contacting Shelburne Free Library and Shelburne Congregational Church.

Did training about outreach to businesses going out through the Eversource Main St. program –Businesses must respond to postcard mailing via link they are sending out in order to get audit. John W thinks most of our businesses have been contacted already. Tom J suggested follow up outreach afterward to make personal contact with those who did not follow up on the post card.

Sherriff’s Dept. printed 500 copies of our flyer and 1000 postcards.

**Decisions**: John W moved that Cynthia and her sub-committee be authorized to spend up to $100 on supplies and outreach between meetings without getting Board approval (until line item is spent out). Motion 2nd by Andrew and unanimously approved.

Tom proposed Cynthia propose a 3 month outreach plan for Sept, Oct, Nov and review at the August meeting. Andrew 2nd. Pat volunteered to help. Unanimously approved. Cynthia will develop an outreach plan for any evening meetings we might organize in Memorial Hall or the Shelburne Falls Community Center.

Pat moved and Tom 2nd a motion to authorize Cynthia to spend up to $500 preparing for Grange fair and subsequent tabling activities. Approved unanimously.

Cynthia asked for help staffing the Grange Fair table on Aug 27. John suggested prioritizing the high traffic time – perhaps 11 – 3. Andrew and Pat volunteered to do shifts.

**Postcard Project:** Pat proposed that the card say “Dear Homeowner” and address them to Homeowner at their street address. This will deal with the fact that people have moved since list was generated. Will also maintain confidentiality when having students hand write cards. Andrew 2nd. Unanimously approved.

**Mohawk Schools in Energy Plan:** Andrew proposed that we table this until we see how the Mohawk Building Committee acts in response to the Solect solar proposal on July 25.

**USDA Rural Solar Grant:** Jeff reported that Shelburne Select Board approved a letter of support (that Jeff drafted and Andrew edited), Shelburne Senior Center also submitted a letter of support and grant made the deadline. Jeff and John agreed to begin talking with Eversource about the details of how to implement a project, what they will allow behind the meter etc.

Cowell Gym Mini-Split grant: Nothing new to report

**Mohawk Trail School District Building Committee** – Solect Proposal: Andrew reported that the meeting is posted for July 25 at 5:30 pm. He will send out the link to the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Home Energy Performance Contractor Policy**: John W will draft an MOU outlining how we work with home performance contractor so as not to show favoritism. He will have the committee review it and get Select Board approval.

**Green Communities 2.0 Climate Leaders Program**: Tom and Pat heard a presentation. Must already be a Green Community and have a local committee. Must have completed a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness process (FRCOG can help with that). Must commit to municipal de-carbonization and have a vehicle electrification policy. Committee agreed to table until we have capacity to take on. FRCOG can provide staffing. We would need to draw in EMD and Health and perhaps others.

**Next Meeting** Thursday, August 18 at 7pm in person at Town Hall

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm**