

Draft Energy Committee Minutes. November 9, 2021

No items were added to the agenda and the October minutes were approved. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in the Brooke-Worth Room in the Center. Barbara Grove will make the room reservation.

George Alexander reviewed the activities of the Kendal Energy Committee: The electricity cost for running the lights in the hydroponics room was calculated to be \$.05/plant. A composting company to take kitchen waste has been identified.

Ben James reported the results of the Car Use Survey. 130 questionnaires out of 250 were returned. Residents own 30 hybrid cars and no electric cars. As we look to reduce the carbon footprint for the community, it is important to project the demand for electricity for charging electric cars.

Progress reports on energy initiatives:

LED lighting: Steve Madsen needs to know the type of bulbs to have on hand for residents to use in their incidental lighting (floor lamps etc.). Installation of LED bulbs in the walkways depends on finding the correct size bulbs.

Energy Audits: George Alexander will speak to Roy Manno about moving forward with this project.

Recycling: Peter Lane volunteered to contact the residents he knows, who are interested in energizing recycling.

Energy Efficient Appliances: Ben James brought the energy use sticker from a new appliance being installed in a cottage. It is not energy efficient. Steve Madsen will follow up.

Climate Resilience Working Group: Dick Haden discussed the “Eat Less Beef” campaign. He recommends one-on-one conversations, which can be prompted by having a volunteer at a table placed near the entrance to the dining room.

Steve Madsen reported that the cost of two electric lawnmowers is in the proposed budget.

Ben James gave an update on SSAFE activities now that 5013C status has been granted. The organization has set a budget of \$65,000 for next year in order to hire a part-time staff person. He suggested that the SSAFE website would provide information on solar installations for use in our Energy Display message.

Steve Madsen reported on the use of electric charging stations.

In attendance: Ben James, Barbara Grove, Dick Haden, Peter Lane, Spencer Ervin, George Alexander and Steve Madsen.