

**Joint Thetford Energy Committee Meeting AGENDA  
December 7, 2023, 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

**Online:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85913054506>

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**JTEC Present:** Tom Ward, Alice Stewart, Chris Hebb, Nolan Riegler

**Guests Present:** David Forbes

**Call to order: 6:00 pm**

**6:00 Approve November Minutes** Minutes not available, Nolan to check in with Weston.

**6:05 New Agenda Items**

Consider new meeting day/time. First Thursday is difficult for Alice. **Action Item: Nolan will propose third Thursday, same time to rest of the committee.**

**6:10 Updates**

**IREC**

Selectboard unanimously approved funding IREC again. SB questions about communication between Jeff and the town. We may need to define more clearly what we want Jeff to work on - identify where his expertise can best help. Process - annual review of Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP), prioritize what's most useful for Jeff to take on.

**6:20 2024 Budget Discussion**

Alice emailed Brian about possibility of having an intern to help with data, etc. Brian responded that he would be interested in trying to make it work if we give him a proposal. TRORC had an intern working with the previous Geoff, so might be able to supervise. Alice could also maybe do it if they were vetted by a teacher or professor before hiring. At IREC discussion, some residents and a SB member asked about concrete achievements. Increasingly important to identify benchmarks and achievements to justify investments by town in IREC and Energy Committee budget. VT Technical College could be a resource for an intern.

David would hope for more hands-on energy-related events for this year - thinks they are extremely important.

\$750 (\$15/hour for 50 hours) for the intern line item.

\$400 - 1 or 2 workshops this year. Weatherization - late summer or fall, see if we can find a public building we haven't done or have someone volunteer their house (this would involve checking on insurance coverage). Bike tune-up workshop - time it with something else for the spring. Could we do it on Green Up Day? Tie to reviving Green Up Day event? Talk to Committee of Committees about putting something on. \$200 per workshop (Weatherization: caulk foam, etc. For bike tune-ups – brake shoes, inner tubes, etc.)

\$300 for e-bike lending library – try and get the week that includes the Thetford Hill Fair so we can repeat the e-bike demos at TA that day

\$100 Window Dressers - refreshments and incidentals

\$150 postage for any Capstone outreach, e.g., for community solar array

\$1700 budget request - Nolan moved, Chris seconded, passed unanimously

Energy Fund - recommend \$3000 again this year - Nolan moved, Tom seconded, passed unanimously.

***Action item: Alice to put budget in format and submit to Brian.***

#### **6:40 Climate Ballot Article**

Nolan met with Brian today - since the draft is mostly procedural, he suggested we take it to SB to do up or down vote to change how they interact with the TEC vs. doing it as a warned article. We could summarize the climate concerns in our TEC report for the town annual report so that there is still a public statement. David thinks that establishing this annual procedural requirement would be more durable than a warned article at town meeting. This procedural change could end up on SB agenda in two weeks, Nolan would also like to get the vote from the SB on our name change to Thetford Energy and Climate Committee. Nolan moved to provide the revised draft to David to take to the Selectboard, Tom seconded, passed unanimously.

***Action Item: Nolan to provide draft to David, David to take updated draft to Selectboard for consideration.***

**Adjourn 7:40 pm**

**Future Meeting Topics**

**Next Meeting January 4, 2024**