

## **Stowe Energy Committee July 24, 2025**



**5:30pm**  
**Akeley Memorial Building**  
**67 Main Street**  
**Stowe, VT 05672**

**Present:** Catherine Crawley, Robi Artman-Hodge, Elizabeth Soper, Andrew Rianhard, Lauren DiVenzano

**Absent:** Cap Chenoweth, Ellie Feinstein

**Attendees:** Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Jolly

### **Call to Order**

Chair Catherine Crawley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

### **Approve Minutes**

Robi Artman-Hodge moved to approve the June minutes. Elizabeth Soper seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Akeley Theatre Updates**

Chris Jolly provided an update to the Akeley Theatre air conditioning replacement. There are space limitations which have added complicated to the project, which was already complicated due to the historic building. He said the equipment originally planned for increased in size as the environmentally friendly coolants are not as efficient, which caused the unit to no longer fit in the space. Staff opted for a hybrid system instead that uses electric as the primary heat and uses propane when demand is high. He also noted they now qualify for incentives from Efficiency Vermont which will cover the increase in cost.

The committee discussed with Chris Jolly the concept of air exchange in relation to the idea of using heat pumps to heat the space.

### **Elementary School Greenhouse Project**

Catherine Crawley noted Michael Lazorchak was not in attendance to discuss the project.

### **Other Business**

It was noted that Michael Lazorchak asked about relocating another charger, this time from the Sun & Ski. Will Fricke said he suggested Memorial Park, and the Energy Committee agreed that they are supportive of the relocation to that location if the logistics can be worked out.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.