

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Meeting Notes  
May 12, 2008

Attending: Anne, Lawrence, and Rich

Open 7:00 PM,

Adjourn 8:30 PM

Business:

- 1) Anne expressed concern about how the Committee is functioning. She said that the Committee should be discussing how we should proceed to meet our goals instead of jumping from one project to another based on the latest ideas (mainly the ideas from Rich). We discussed this concern essentially agreeing that when we get to full working Committee we need to spend one or more meetings refining our overall approach to stay focused on the goals and on projects to meet the goal that we can actually handle effectively.
- 2) Anne also was concerned that the Committee didn't follow through on tabulating the survey results in a timely manner, which sheds a bad light on the Committee from the standpoint of those we surveyed. Finally she felt we could have done a better job setting up the home tours. The way we did it, Anne, Rich and Lawrence contacted different homeowners. Anne said she would be back to her contacts shortly, but Rich had trouble tying one of his contacts down so Anne was delayed in responding which reduces the credibility of the Committee. In the future, one person will be responsible for setting up the tour and do all the contacts.
- 3) We reviewed the preliminary tabulation of the 70 survey responses dated May 12, 2008.
  - a. Some of the suggested other projects we felt should be further evaluated for implementation:
    - Investigate wind, solar and hydro opportunities (our local generation project)
    - Revise zoning regulations to promote hamlets
    - Create town weatherizing team to help homeowners
    - Create oil-purchasing coop.
    - Look into geothermal and solar hot water systems (include info on website)
    - Provide information on residential financial and tax incentives (on website) (maybe Saul Grasser could do)
    - Look into establishing low interest loan fund, property tax credits, and financial help for community/neighborhood energy generation. (maybe Saul Grasser could do)
    - Establish a town program to educate on small solar conversions and bulk-buy materials. (potentially, work with the library on the learning part)
    - Establish a town program to purchase and loan out to residents:

1) electric meters to measure appliance energy use, 2) blower door equipment to identify home air leakage and 3) potential some equipment to allow homeowners to rudimentary wind information to help decide whether to further consider a home wind unit. (NEGEF grant applied for to cover the cost of the meters and some of the blower door) (will talk to Bob Minsenger about wind instruments)

- Revise zoning regulations to allow wind generation structures over 35 feet that are not connected to the grid as a conditional use with minimal conditions.
- Encourage local users of alternative energy systems to present at local forums and give house tours.
- Create a place to donate used and usable windows and doors (could be on website)
- Develop public transportation suitable of Marshfield residents (must be a regional approach)

b. Information requests:

- We did not review or assign information requests, which are large in number. Next meeting we may do this

c. Persons willing to help:

We scanned the list and decided to call the following as potential members on the Committee. If a person is not willing to serve on the Committee we will ask what they would like to do and try to match their desires hopefully within one of our base projects or a special project.

- Tovar Cerulli ---- Lawrence
- Nancy Everhart 426-3234 ----- Rich
- Cynthia Martin 426-3874-----Anne
- Tracey Hamilton or Diane Batzel 426-3383 ----Rich
- Judd Levin 426-3051----Anne
- Saul Gresser 426-2111 ---- Anne
- Roger Lawrence 426-3316---- Lawrence
- Josh and Cathy Sainz 426-3696---- Anne
- Nessa Rabin 426-3562 ----- Rich
- Scott Hook 454-1617 ----- Rich
- Janet Nielsen 454-7767 -----Lawrence
- Judith Henkin and Don Bookchin 454-7332---- Rich
- Mark Gosselin 454-1881 ---- Rich

- 4) We reviewed the Field Notes submission for June. We discussed adding a little about the vacant Village Sore but Anne recommended against the Energy Committee becoming involved.
- 5) We reviewed the status of the School Collaboration project, the Municipal Facilities project and the NEGREF grant for the measuring equipment.

- 6) Susannah Blachley did not attend to discuss the energy series she wants to organize for the fall. Maybe she will attend the next meeting