

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Notes of 8/6/12 Meeting

Attending: John Morris, Nick Seifert, Faeterri Silver, Joel Trupin, Anne Miller, Lawrence Black,
Bob Atchinson, Rich Phillips

Visitor: Jessica Edgerly Walsh from Sun Common

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 8:35 PM

Business:

- 1) Notes of the July 2nd meeting were approved.
- 2) Jessica Walsh attended to explain the program available through Sun Common for homeowners to implement solar water heat or electric.
There are programs that are based on renting the system and paying no more per month for electricity than you do now and several other options some involving ownership. We agreed that this information would be used as part of a new effort to promote solar in town that we would be putting together this fall.
- 3) We discussed having a vice chair to work with the chair and take over as necessary. Nobody supported this concept; instead members will perform the chair's duties when he is unavailable.
- 4) OSC Solar:
 - a. Rich has a revised draft of the RFP which will be further revised and sent for comment by e-mail
 - b. Due to the fact that the state grant program for this type of project has only a small amount of money left for 2012 the Selectboard agreed to put in an application now before the evaluations and design are complete and before the local share is voted. Hilton Dier of Solar Gain has visited the site, prepared a very preliminary design completed the application to reserve the money. If we get the reservation from the 2012 money we will need to speed up the RFP and town vote as the money has to be used within six months. The preliminary design is for 20kW on poles on the hillside between OSC and the Highway Garage.
 - c. Nick and John will handle any actions we need to take when Rich is away. Rich will stay in regular contact with John/Nick and the Selectboard.
 - d. The current cost estimate is \$100,000 with about \$38,000 from the state.
- 5) Field Notes September Article:
- 6) We briefly reviewed the article and decided to drop the Solar Payback section. The total article was getting too long and we decided the solar payback section should be folded into a more extensive promotion of solar we intend to put together this fall and report on in a later Field Notes.
- 7) Introductory E-mail to Volunteers:
- 8) Rich had prepared an e-mail to go to all the volunteers who signed up in the TM day survey. This was reviewed at the meeting. This e-mail provides some background information about the Committee's work, points people towards the website to read up on minutes and Field Notes articles, explains some of the projects we have in the works and planned and indicates we will contact them in a month or two after they have had a chance to review the information and decide their interest... Rich subsequently sent this e-mail
- 9) Plainfield:
 - a. Bob reports that the \$3,000 VECAN grant needs to be used by November 1st and will fund the vapor barrier in below the stage area
 - b. Plainfield Old Home Day is September 8th and Bob suggested we created a float to promote solar. There were no takers but this is a great idea consistent with our attempt to develop an approach to get more solar built as we committed ourselves to do in the Marshfield Town Plan