

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Notes of 9/3/12 Meeting

Attending: John Morris, Nick Seifert, Faeterri Silver, Joel Trupin, Anne Miller, Bob Atchinson

Visitor: Lucy Blue

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Business:

- 1) Faeterri is also acting as secretary.
- 2) Notes of the August 6th meeting were approved.
- 3) OSC Solar:
 - a. John reported that the application for the Vermont Small Scale Renewable Energy reservation for OSC PV was submitted and accepted August 19 giving Marshfield up to \$36,500 in state incentives. We have six months to utilize the grant and must have installed the system by February 19, 2013. We have now a rush to get proposals from bidders. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was sent out on August 24 to contractors identified from the state's Solar Partners list. On Friday, September 7, potential bidders are invited to visit the OSC site on the hill above the flood plain, to submit proposals for 10 and 20 KW systems producing 12,000 and 24,000 KW hours/year respectively. A 20 KW system is expected to cost about \$80,000. The difference the town would cover is about \$44,000 on a 5 year note (no bond). Cost analysis and payback spreadsheets were shown. Nick and John will review to be able to present what the numbers mean and why.
 - b. On September 18 the Selectboard will open all bids.
 - c. At the October 2 Selectboard meeting we want to present a list of recommendations with cash flow analyses.
 - d. If the Selectboard wants to move forward, a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13. If voters agree, party to install would be notified by December 1.
 - e. Rich is coming up with a work plan from now through early November. Anne volunteered to help come up with a 1/4 page handout for an information table for Election Day somewhere in the OSC for our next meeting.
 - f. Nick and Anne will get a timeline written.
 - g. Survey respondents need to be sent approved minutes via email, and be informed about the OSC Solar project.
- 4) John reported he has transferred notes of approved minutes onto the town's website. Found on the site at the present time are current year's minutes. He is also able to add to the town calendar.
- 5) Plainfield Energy Committee: Bob reported
 - a. The VECAN community education grant came through which addressed the condensation problem in the Plainfield Town Hall with the removal of moldy building materials and installation into the crawl space of a new 6 mil vapor barrier. Fireproof paint will be applied soon. Structural work still needs to be done. Other grants are available of \$75,000 and there is also private fund raising for drainage around the building and more renovations.

- b. Bob also reported on the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Regional Planning Commission Grants to study headwaters of the Winooski and road grading and erosion.
 - c. A hearing is to be scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 with the Plainfield Zoning Board about a public dock and boat launch by the coop parking lot.
 - d. Plainfield Old Home Days – Lucy expressed interest in handing out information on energy saving activities in the area and to ask the question, ‘why not more’.
- 6) Field Notes:
- a. Next issue – submit Rich’s articles. Nick will contact Rich to find documents to submit by the 15th of October deadline.
 - b. Also need to submit about informational meeting on OSC PV Solar project.
- 7) Twinfield – Bob will attend the facilities committee meeting and the whole Twinfield School Board meeting to make sure they are aware of the waste of power and money from the new dishwasher energy spikes from the hot water booster. The switch needs to be moved so that it is easily accessed to turn off at nights, holidays and vacations.

Next meeting Monday, October 1, 2012 7 p.m. OSC.

Respectfully submitted,
Faeterri Silver