

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Plainfield Energy Group  
Notes of 1/7/13 Meeting

Attending: Ed Hutchinson, Bob Atchinson, Rich Phillips, Nick Seifert, Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, John Morris

Convene: 7:08 PM

Adjourn: 8:40 PM

1) OSC Solar

- a. Selectboard agreed the decision on fencing or signing around the trackers will be left until spring with a leaning away from a fence. Rich expressed reservations about no fence after witnessing unattended children in the immediate vicinity of the tracker posts.
- b. After some e-mail exchanges regarding providing a production information display in the hall, we decided that a committee member would make a copy from the net of the annual and last month's production charts and post them in the hall. We need to prepare a space that can be dedicated for this use. Probably in the larger space opposite the library door

2) PACE

Nick and Rich met to develop a workplan to get PACE passed at TM. The workplan is added to the end of this document. The night after this meeting Rich met with the Selectboard. They agreed to put the article on the TM warning. Bobbi Brimblecombe raised concerns about how much work the town would be in for. Rich researched this and satisfied Bobbi that her work would be minimal

3) Solar Subcommittee

Anne reported that they have begun developing examples of net metering projects with different ownership and financing options that they hope to share with the public in an informational meeting. It was suggested that they develop a workplan to establish the goals, products and timing of the subcommittee and the steps to develop the ownership and financing options for example net metering projects, the meeting preparation and using the results to develop the output the committee.

4) Weatherization

- a. Prior to the meeting Nick had discussed the Challenge with Jackie Cassino at CVRPC and gathered some information. Rich had cautioned about making a commitment without figuring out how we can actually accomplish the work.
- b. Decided we are not much interested in the "Challenge" part of the program or getting solidly committed to a certain # of completions
- c. Decided we would attend the "Challenge Roll Out Training" session on 1/12/13 at Norwich, then have a subcommittee meeting after that to develop a weatherization workplan, which will include or not include the Challenge.

- d. Nick will send Rich his earlier Field Notes PACE article to use in developing an updated one for the submission due 1/15/13. Rich will also include a solar project cost/savings article.
- 5) Nick and Rich will set up a meeting with an EV expert and the operator at the Marshfield wastewater facility to see if there are any feasible opportunities for energy savings.
- 6) John had a draft of the informational sign for the OSC solar project. He received some feedback and others were asked to get to him with comments ASAP
- 7) Twinfield
  - a. Students will work with pros on an assessment of the library lighting including behavioral and infrastructure changes to save energy
  - b. The CVCAC weatherization trailer will be brought to the school for a Friday/Saturday program. Students will tour and learn from the examples of good and bad weatherization practices in the trailer. Homeowners will be able to do the same thing on Saturday. This will be scheduled in late January or early February.
  - c. Another sleuth night is proposed to continue the effort to find where all the power is being used.

Nick Seifert  
Rich Phillips  
1/2/13

- 1) Assure Selectboard will place the PACE article on the Town Meeting warning Discuss at their meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Get answers from Carol Weston on the interest buy down process, are the latest documents on Wiki Spaces? any new promotional documents or guidelines?
- 3) Develop a pamphlet to be used for multiple purposes to include:
  - a. What is PACE? (Including "What can be financed?")
  - b. Who pays?
  - c. How does it work? (Including interest rates terms etc)
  - d. Example
  - e. Loan comparison with banks/credit union
- 4) Hold a public meeting on February 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM at OSC to discuss PACE with residents before Town Meeting
- 5) Publicize the meeting and the vote:
  - a. Field Notes article for January with meeting date---use the pamphlet if available. Point to website if it's there. Needs to be in by 1/15/13. Also, reminder of vote in the February edition.
  - b. Pamphlet on website
  - c. FPF notice (several times) for meeting and vote
  - d. Posters around town for meeting and vote
  - e. Article in town report

Assignments:

Rich will develop the loan comparisons.  
Nick will develop the pamphlet  
Rich will develop the Field Notes article  
Then we will divide up the publicity