

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Notes of February 4, 2013 Meeting

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

Guest: Chris Miksic, Montpelier Construction

Convene: 7:10 PM

Adjourn: 8:55 PM

Business:

- 1) Notes of 12/4/12 and 1/7/13 approved
- 2) Weatherization Trailer (2/1 and 2/2)
  - a. 95 students toured the trailer and were exposed to significant weatherization issues and air sealing techniques
  - b. 15 energy committee members and homeowners from surrounding towns and M/P were provided DIY weatherization training
  - c. 9 homeowners toured the trailer.
  - d. The lunch expenses were and moving the trailer around the building to store it for pickup on 2/7/13 was \$88. The committee agreed with the expenses.
- 3) PACE:
  - a. A public meeting to discuss PACE will be held 2/20/13 at 7:00 PM at OSC. Nick and Rich will lead this.
  - b. Nick is finishing the flyer and posters for the meeting. Will print 15 posters for putting up around town about the meeting
  - c. Rich wrote the PACE article for the town report and PACE was part of the submittal to Field Notes for February. Reminders of the meeting will be posted in FPF
- 4) Solar Subcommittee
  - a. Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ with Jessica Edgerly of Sun Common to discuss how to go about group solar project
  - b. Brochure planned by TM to see explain some options and maybe generate some interest at TM. Public Meeting planned
- 5) Transportation Options in CV
  - a. One employer gives incentives in the form of energy audits and energy saving facilities for reducing private one occupant travel to work
  - b. National Life gives incentives for alternatives to SOV commuting
- 6) Plainfield LED Lights
  - a. Bob and Ed explained that they are looking at options to the self-contained solar light for the Park and Ride. This option requires a battery at the light level—a bear for maintenance. A grid tie some where else to offset the power used will be looked into

- b. Plainfield will get some 20-watt LED streetlights as a trial.
- 7) Town Meeting
- We decided to have a table (or more) in the back of the meeting space or in the hall between the Marshfield and Plainfield meetings to cover the following:
- a. Weatherization Challenge information
  - b. Audit incentive information
  - c. Sign Up for home energy visits
  - d. PACE signup
  - e. Photos of solar panels and laptop with the production charts
- 8) Weatherization Challenge--- Weatherization Subcommittee
- a. Audit contractors will be invited to participate with the Committee on the home energy visits. A meeting of the subcommittee with the contractors will be held on 2/12/13 at 6:30 PM. Kevin Dupont, Will Fitzpatrick and Chris Miksic will be invited at 7:00 PM (later changed to 7:30 PM)
  - b. Briefly discussed options to entice homeowners to sign up for the home energy visits.
    - Phone-a-thon
    - Door-to-Door
    - Home tours
    - Testimonials
    - FPF and Field Notes submittals

Decision was left to Subcommittee
  - c. We will request contractors to ask previous local customers for permission so that we can develop use their information in testimonials and maybe ask they open their home and answer questions of neighbors.
  - d. Potential audit incentives will be developed. A free audit to everyone was cautioned against. Eligibility needs to be limited. Possibly the heat efficiency (BTU/sf/yr) might be used as one limit. Maybe available only if the heat efficiency is over 60,000 BTU/sf/yr and only after energy home visits. Reducing but not eliminating the audit cost was also suggested. Reduced cost might be time or number dependent. Chris thought he and other contractors would provide an incentive. The possibility of their being a local incentive was mentioned. These matters will be taken up at the 2/12/13 meeting.
  - e. Subcommittee is responsible for the project and will decide what it contains and its methodology.
  - f. Volunteers will be sought. Volunteer training is scheduled for 2/20/13