

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Notes of Meeting
June 4th 2013

Attending: Bob Atchinson, Anne Miller, Nick Seifert, Lawrence Black, Rich Phillips
Joel Trupin
Convene: Wheatherization Subcommittee 6:00 PM
Full Committee 7:00 PM
Adjourn: 8:30 PM

Subcommittee Business:

- 1) Rich and Bob provided an overview of the regional weatherization networking meeting on May 15th. Essentially, most towns attending said they were having much difficulty getting homeowners to participate. In a Warren effort they plastered the valley several times and got about 15 to a workshop. Everyone seemed to agree with will take a lot longer than expected and more hand holding will be necessary.
- 2) We discussed possible approaches to increase resident engagement locally. Some were attending events where people are already gathered like community suppers, library, food drops, senior center, summer concerts. Broad approaches such as door-to-door visits, door hangers, and calls were identified.
- 3) We did not have time to analyze these options to come up with a plan. The Subcommittee will reconvene on this subject on the 18th of June

Main Meeting:

- 1) Rich explained the lighting project undertaken by Twinfield students. They presented the project to the Board and hopefully the Board will go ahead with it. The savings and loan cost are such that the savings will exceed the loan payment even in the first year.
- 2) Rich is still working on getting the school to move on some very straight-forward energy issues and will be meeting with the Superintendent and Business Manager.
- 3) The Solar Coop wants energy committees to participate and a meeting the company wants to hold to promote their solar water heating system. We decided we would not sponsor the meeting but would publicize it as a way of learning more about these types of systems. We might suggest some meeting spaces for this.
- 4) Sun Common has some new program for financing solar systems. Nick will look into it.
- 5) Bob updated the group on the solar systems and lighting upgrades Plainfield is pursuing