

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Team
Notes of 12/2/13 Meeting

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

Start: 7:08 PM

Adjourn: 8:19 PM

Business:

1) Approved the notes of the 10/7 ECCC meeting and the 11/11 Weatherization Subcommittee meeting

2)Solar

Wes is working on a map showing the sites. He will then contact the owners to seek agreement on the use of their information in a town-wide informational flyer. When the agreements are reached Wes will begin compiling the information into a flyer by number referenced to a map number. All Earth Renewables installations are on the net and should be easy to access after the homeowner provides the site number. Perhaps Sun Commons also has the information on a website or otherwise available.

Dave Grundy from East Montpelier has met with Sun Commons to discuss a solar project push as Sun Common completed in Waterbury and elsewhere. Dave has suggested Mars/Plain also participate. We have some concern for appearing to be too close to Sun Common but Dave is satisfied that would not be the case. We decided to attempt to talk with Dave Saturday at the VECAN conference. The Committee is generally supportive but need to have some questions answered. If we do not connect with Dave on Saturday, Rich and Bob will meet with him later.

Possible Twinfield solar project was discussed as suggested by the Solar Subcommittee. It is pretty late to try to do anything budget-wise for Twinfield 2015 budget. It was suggested the Solar Subcommittee get together rough proposals from two or three vendors to approach the Board. The Solar Subcommittee will meet soon to begin discussing how to go about this project. Rich will join the Subcommittee for this project. Rich will advise the superintendent and Board Chair of our offer to develop some options for discussion. Rich will also seek to have the Twinfield Facilities Committee become active again so this project and other conservation projects can be discussed and pursued.

Judy Sargent from Pie-in-the-Sky wrote requesting the Committee to help pursue legislation that does not decrease what WEC pays for their power. It appears she is concerned with the possibility that WEC could begin charging more of the cost of infrastructure maintenance to the net metered users. This will be a major item of concern in the legislature this session. Rich will talk with Judy to get her specific concerns and explain what is happening in this regard.

Rich is trying to set up a meeting with Washington County Legislators to promote Net Metering and other legislation this session.

3)Weatherization Update:

About 29 home energy visits have been completed this year. The latest five free audits have so far generated one HEV. The Subcommittee has started developing a phone list of all the homes receiving a flyer a month or so back. Next meeting we will split up the list. No calls or posts until after January 1st. Next Subcommittee meeting is 12/16/13.

4)VECAN Conference

Joel, Anne Wes and Rich will attend. Also Lucy Blue. We will meet at OSC at 7:00 AM.