

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Team
Notes of 6/2/14 Meeting

Attending: Lawrence Black, Wes Cate, Dan Choderkoff, Ed Hutchinson, Anne Miller, John Morris, Nick Siefert, Joel Trupin

Convene: 7:05 PM

Adjourn: 7:36 PM

1. Approved all minutes up through the May meeting.

2. Solar Subcommittee Report

The twinfield project is progressing. The RFI is drafted and in revision. The work plan is drafted.

After Twinfield is set on a path to success, we might want to approach other large users in the area such as the Cabot Creamery and dairy farms.

Plainfield is working on a small solar project. The original plan was to provide solar lighting for the park and ride. However, as that turned out to be outrageously expensive, Bob and Ed. turned their sights on installing a small (roughly 4 kW) system somewhere on municipal property to feed energy into the grid and offset the energy used by the installed LED street lights. The sewage treatment plant was considered and rejected because the plant is run by a quasiprivate organization. Other municipal roofs in town are poorly oriented, so they are now considering installing a car park at the park and ride with PV on the roof. They might also include a charging station for commuters. Of course, this will require raising more money than the original grant.

Given the limited availability of car charging stations around the region, perhaps the committee should promote them around town.

3. Plainfield Update

The town is gearing up for a new round of LED street light replacements. Rte 2 will be more expensive because the installation requires more staff and equipment. There are also some outlying roads to be done.

The \$10,000 town hall weatherization grant should have been submitted. The funds will be used for the vaporbarrier for the ceiling and some other projects.

4. Weatherization

We need to talk to Bob Light about a handout for new permit applications that will point people to weatherization solutions before they build.

How can we engage landlords in weatherization. Perhaps we should focus on subsidized housing? Funding will be a challenge because there is little money coming from the state. Perhaps we could approach the Health Center about weatherization as a health issue. Someone there might have ideas of funding we don't know about.

5. Next Meeting

Nick proposed that we should have a pot luck barbeque for our next meeting. We could invite friends and family and conduct any business as necessary. We decided to meet at 6:30 at Nick's house on Fulsom Hill Rd on Monday July 7.